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Volume XXXVII JANUARY 3, 1979 No. 1
CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

10:00 A.M. St. Com. & Com. Chr.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

4:00 P.M. Chi Rho

5:00 P.M. Bell Choir

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild

7:00 P.M. Caller Visiting

7:30 P.M. Martha Group - Laura

York - 6008 Arlene

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group - at
Richard's Restaurant

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

12:00 Mary Group - Ina Smith
4321 Champlain

9:00 P.M. FCC vs. Trinity Presby.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

9:30 A.M. Rachel Group - Lib.

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY - SUNDAY - JANUARY 12-14

Edu-Care at French Lick

PANTRY NEEDS:

POWDER MILK, CEREAL, CANNED
FRUIT, TUNA

1 OR 1½ LB. COTTAGE CHEESE OR
COOL WHIP CONTAINERS

BEGIN 1979 IN CHURCH COMMUNITY

Sunday, January 7 begins a new calendar year of Church School and Worship. It can be a new decision time to set a family priority and pattern for study and worship regularly unless prevented by illness. This is a crucial decision which needs to be faced by many families. It is in actuality related very directly to our response to Jesus' word, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the great and first commandment.

Our Church School at 9:30 A.M. each Sunday has class groups for all ages. We invite participation in one of the class groups for learning and relationships. Regularity enhances the opportunity for learning.

O. L. Shelton defined worship this way, "Worship is a conscious, reverent, outreaching approach to God in circumstances helpful to a realization of an awareness of his presence with a conscious desire to open our lives to him whose character and will we desire to make our own."

BEGIN 1979 IN GOD'S HOUSE!
MAKE IT A REGULAR PATTERN FOR LIFE

SERVING JANUARY 7
ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Merle Grimm and
Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Mark Snyder and
Barb Short

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Hetrick, D. Church-
SW, E. Brown, A. Lee-NW

10:45 A.M. P. Mullen-SW, B.
Mettler, D. Short-NW, M. Akers, R.
Baugher-NE, M. Byers, S. Hayes-SE,
R. Orr

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
T. Sauerwein, S. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, G. Shirley, M. Tobias

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Elinor Place - Mildred Hutchinson

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. John & Julie Stucky

10:45 A.M. A. Crowe & B. Briggs

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

8:15 A.M. J. Church, R. Johnson,
M. Hartman

10:45 A.M. K. Lee, E. Brown,
E. Place

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. D. & B. Johnson

10:45 A.M. C. & B. Schwartz, M.
Pauley

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

632 - Miss Ethel Shroyer

ST. JOSEPH:

547 - Mrs. Marie Pritchard

DEATH OF ELDER EMERITUS:

Charles Fuchshuber, a member
since 1946 and an elder emeritus
died on 12/30. Services were on
1/2. Sympathy is extended to wife,
Alyce, and daughter, Janice, and
family.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Earl Fusselman and family
in the death of his sister.

RESPONSES TO INVITATION:

Anthony Michael and Timothy
Albert Evans, 3202 S. Webster,
-07; 456-4380, came forward to
confess Christ as Lord and be
united with him in baptism dur-
ing our Meditative Worship; on
Sunday. Tony is a ninth grader
at Fairfield, builds models,
and likes to water ski and ride
motorcycles. Tim is a seventh
grader at Fairfield, builds mod-
els, and likes to ride skate
boards and motorcycles. Both
have been active in our youth
program. We welcome these and
pray and expect decisions regu-
larly.

STAFF CHANGE:

Barbara Short began a five
month maternity leave on January
1. She is being replaced for
these months by our assistant
secretary, Ramona Ketner. Dur-
ing this period our basic hours
other than lunch will be 8:00 A.
M. to 4:00 P.M. for five days
per week.

SOCK AND MITTEN TREE SHARED:

37 pair of mittens or gloves,
11 hats, 8 pair of socks, 2
scarves, and 1 pair of leotards
were given and taken to the Mar-
tin Luther King Center for dis-
tribution to those needing them.
Thanks for this giving!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

For the past two years we have randomly listed our members for daily intercessory prayer. Some pray for these by name daily for the week of listing. Several are prayed for each day of staff prayer time. Others pray for them during worship as they are listed on the Sunday Bulletin. Some groups pray for the weekly list when they meet. We invite prayer, love, and concern for these persons listed each week.

This year we are going to try to note birthdate along with the name and will use the office record. If we miss your birthdate or if we have an error, please call the church office. We want to be accurate but only can use the records that we have which are imperfect. We believe this listing will be good both for intercessory prayer as a possibility of praying for each person on their birthday as well as showing other caring.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER - JANUARY 1 to 13, 1979

Carole Lee (1/2)	William Caldwell (1/5)	Julius Clausen (1/9)
Marvin Roseberry (1/3)	Ramona Ketner (1/5)	Myrtle DeVinney (1/10)
Velma Heckler (1/4)	Wilas Driver (1/6)	Gwynth Pace (1/10)
Ardis Brisk (1/4)	Pauline Meadows (1/7)	Carolyn Hendricks (1/11)
Patricia Campbell (1/4)	Kenny Taylor (1/7)	Julie Quinn Cooke (1/11)
Clair Buskirk (1/4)	Jon Heiney (1/8)	Richard Lytle (1/11)
Linda Wiley (1/4)	Bill Schilling, Jr. (1/8)	Jeanne Feltenburger (1/11)
	Mark Lehman (1/13)	James Fick (1/13)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER DURING JANUARY:

Dr. and Mrs. Hubert Reynolds, faculty of Silliman University, Dumaguete City, Philippines through Division of Overseas Ministries of the Christian Church. Hubert is director of the Cultural Research Center at Silliman. Harriett is a professor in the department of Sociology and Anthropology. Both have earned doctorates and are deeply involved in the cause of improvement of life for cultural minorities. He is on the board of elders of the Silliman University Church.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

The Tidings of last week announced the offerings for the Winter and Spring period.

The errors have been noted on the registration form on the back: (1) THE HEART OF THE BIBLE is on Thursday mornings as in the interpretive section from 9:30 to 11:00 A.M. (2) EPHESIAN LETTER APPLIED TO CHURCH--POWER AND LIGHT PROGRAM is on Wednesdays, so the dates are April 25 to May 23 in both notes about this offering. (3) In the DESCRIPTION of COME PROGRAM--LAB I for PARISH VISITATION SKILLS a line was omitted. It should read: "This is an intensive, highly programmed laboratory experience in communication skills with the accent on listening, learning to deal with anger and hostility, and renegotiation. It is developed by presentations, skill development and practice, and reflection for learning."

IMPORTANT BOARD MEETING ON 9TH:

All members of the Board of Trustees are urged to be present on Jan. 9 to hear reports of 1978, to adopt 1979 working budget, to act on a Sponsor Program, plus some other actions coming to the body.

LOST AND FOUND:

A table in Fellowship Hall holds our Lost and Found which has accumulated in the office. Please check for gloves, umbrellas, and many other items there. If any are left on January 15 they will be given away.

INTERFAITH LUNCHEON:

The annual Interfaith Luncheon this year will be January 24 at Plymouth Congregational Church. The Rt. Rev. Alexander Schmemmann, Dean of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary, New York, will interpret the Orthodox efforts regarding Christian Unity. Father Bill Kuzmic of the Cathedral has worship at 11:30. Schmemmann will speak at 11:50, and lunch and discussion will follow at 12:30 - 1:30. See Miriam Bixenman by Jan. 14 for reservations at \$2.50 each.

COUPLES IN 20'S AT CLINES:

All member and friend couples where both are not above 29 are invited to the Clines, 5705 Fernwood for a get-acquainted and relational event this Sunday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Call either the office 744-3239 or the Clines 747-6587 to tell them you will be with the others.

VICTORY ACHIEVED:

Our Budget or basic Program giving exceeded our budget goal of \$129,108 for 1978 by more than \$2,600. Exact figures will not be completed until next week because of the accounting being held open for year end giving. This is the second year in a row! Thanks to all who have given and shared generously to allow this to happen. All regularly scheduled outreach for the year was completed on time! This was a first in which we rejoice also!

STORM WINDOW UPDATE:

We have now received \$8,210.50 in designated giving for the Storm Windows. This is 59.5% of our original cost of \$13,799.19. Recent contributors include: Mr. & Mrs. Richard Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Flickinger, Mr. Bruce Lehman, and Anonymous.

HYMNS FOR THE LIVING CHURCH:

Memorial or Special Gift copies or home usage copies need to be ordered by January 15. We will be making our purchase order at that time.

GIVING ENVELOPES MAILED:

Our 1979 giving envelopes were mailed on Tuesday of this week. If any are not received, please contact the church office and envelopes will be supplied. Since the Building Fund ended with 1978, there is only one designation for giving.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

5:00 P.M. Bell Choir

6:00 P.M. Inq. Class Orientation

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

7:00 P.M. Caller Visiting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

8:15 P.M. Relating to the
Spiritual World

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

7:30 P.M. Inv. to Adv.

8:00 P.M. FCC vs WCC

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

9:30 A.M. Heart of the Bible

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY:

CEREAL, CAN FRUIT, CANNED MEAT,
POWDER MILK, P-NUT BUTTER

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Check the listing and call the
church office or sign up on Sun-
day morning. Every Member and
Friend is invited to the redesign-
ed INQUIRERS AND MEMBERSHIP RE-
NEWAL CLASS--Orientation this
Sunday at 6:00 P.M.

PRaise GOD FOR THE VICTORY!

For the second consecutive year we exceeded our budget goal in regular church giving. Our budget giving for 1978 was \$132,086.78 against our budget goal of \$129,108. We rejoice in this victory that cared for our needs and which regularly set aside 20% for others and thus all outreach commitments were made throughout the year.

Our Building Fund did not achieve its expected amount from 1975 through 1978. The overage of the budget plus unexpended money allowed the final bill of our Building Fund effort to be paid in full--our \$12,000 commitment for others through a Directed gift for a new entry and road system at Indian Lake Christian Retreat Center of our Indiana Disciple Churches. Budget money paid \$3,928.61 to complete the work and commitment that 22.5% would be used for others.

The balance of unexpended budget money in the amount of \$508.57 was divided as partial payment of salary cuts at budget making time last January.

We praise God for what He has enabled to come to pass in and through our community of faith! We press on to the challenges of a new year!

SERVING JANUARY 14

8:15 A.M. Janet Weicker and
Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Robert Rayl and
Bert Leversee

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Place-SE, E. Place
NW, B. Pauley, J. Young

10:45 A.M. M. Finkhousen-SW, S.
Allen-NW, J. Jump-SE, M. Crouse-NE,
K. Taylor, S. Schell, C. Cline. B.
Hendricks

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
E. Allen & B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, B. Kerley, M. Callahan

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ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. John & Julie Stucky

10:45 A.M. A. Crowe & B. Briggs

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. A. Lee

10:45 A.M. L. Wiley, B. Stucky, S.
Melchi

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW:

528 - Mrs. Sarah Likens

LUTHERAN:

869 - Miss Susan Horstman

670 - Paul Truby

ST. JOSEPH:

413 - Edna Clark

DEATH OF FORMER PASTOR'S WIDOW:

Josephine Burgess, widow Samual
Joel Burgess, pastor of First Chris-
tian Church from 1938-1942, died on
12/31/78 at Santa Rose Convalescent
Home in Tucson, Arizona at age 84.
Sympathy is extended to the four
daughters and families, Harriett,
Barbara, Charolet, and Betty Jo.

RESPONSES TO INVITATION:

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Harter, 1608
Rumsey Avenue, -08, 437-2263,
identified with us in a transfer
of membership on Sunday. This
transfer is from the Third Street
United Brethren Church. Tom does
piece work at General Electric &
Nancy works at Super Market Ser-
vice. They are the parents of
two girls, Melanie, age 5 and
Meghan, who will be three in
May.

Tom is a son of Betty Harter
and a brother of Steve Harter,
both of our congregation. We
welcome decisions on the first
Sunday of the year and pray for
other to do similarly weekly!

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH:

To Barry and Nina Nordblom, a
daughter, Erica Louise on 12/31/
78. Paternal grandparents are
Harold and Edna Nordblom.

COLLEGE AND CAREER GROUP:

Tonight, January 11, at the
Harters 4922 Knoll Road, the
College and Career group will
meet. Come and join this group!

DECEMBER AVERAGES:

Morning Worship	299
Church School	115
Advent Eve Prog.	216 (4 wk.)
Thr. Week Educ.	13
Budget Giving	\$3,918.22
Building Fund	382.07

NEW MEMBERS DURING DECEMBER:

Bill, Virginia, Bill II, Jeff,
and Scott Johnson
Bill & Diane Howard
Opal Carper
Tony & Tim Evans

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Action is needed now to take advantage of the many opportunities which lie immediately before us. Please call the church or mail your registration forms for these groups no later than Sunday, January 14!

SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP -- 7:00 to 8:30 A.M.

Starting this Saturday, January 13. A sufficient group has signed for this experience on scattered Saturdays in coming months. Breakfast will be on a donation basis -- Reality of activating faith to modern life will be faced through a book and tapes by Mark Hatfield, BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE.

INQUIRER'S AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CLASS -- 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. Sundays

Orientation is scheduled for this Sunday with the 10 week series actually beginning on February 4. All members and friends of the congregation are urged to participate to deepen the experience of commitment to Christ, the church, and his work in the world. The orientation session is vital for meaningful and full participation this spring. Call NOW--Come Sunday at 6:00 P.M.

RELATING TO THE SPIRITUAL WORLD -- 1:15 to 2:45 P.M., Tuesdays

Eight group sessions over five months with partner check-in regularly in a covenant approach to spiritual disciplines for life pilgrimage growth.

INVITATION TO ADVENTURE -- 7:30 to 9:30 P.M., Wednesdays

Ten sessions beginning January 17 to grow in meditation with God and various disciplines in a program designed by Dennis Savage of California.

THE HEART OF THE BIBLE -- 9:30 to 11:00 A.M., Thursdays

Thirteen sessions beginning on January 18 to study 13 "heart" passages of the Bible.

SIGN FOR GROWTH--CHILD CARE AVAILABLE--ACT NOW TO BEGIN!

FINAL CALL FOR HYMNAL ORDERS

\$5 per book is needed for orders of the HYMNAL FOR THE LIVING CHURCH for copies in memory of, in honor of, in a gift to First Christian Church, or for personal usage. The deadline for these orders is Monday, January 15. Act now for a personal copy or to provide a memorial hymnal! Listing of names for bookplates needs to be clear and accurate and the money needs to accompany the order.

FOR JANUARY 14 THROUGH 20:

Williams (17) Robt. Finkhausen

PRAYER: DURING JANUARY

FINAL CALL ON LOST AND FOUND:

CHI RHO:

PAPER DRIVE:

Chi Rho will be selling their papers at the end of January. Any additional papers must be at the church before 9:00 a.m. on January 20. For pick up, call Sylvia Smith (745-4576).

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Volume XXXVII January 17, 1979 No. 3 CONGREGATIONAL FOCUS DURING WORSHIP

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

8:00 P.M. Worship & Past. Rel. Com.
5:00 P.M. Harmony Class - Pro-
gressive Dinner

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
12:30 P.M. Worship & Past. Rel. Com.
2:30 P.M. C.Y.F.
4:00 P.M. Chi Rho
5:00 P.M. Bell Choir

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

10:00 A.M. Study Group
7:00 P.M. Visiting
7:30 P.M. Christian Edu. Com.
Harter's 4922 Knoll Rd.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

7:30 P.M. Deborah Group
7:30 P.M. Worship & Past. Rel. Com.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

11:30 A.M. Interfaith Luncheon
9:00 P.M. FCC vs. Latter Day Sts.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

9:30 A.M. Southwest Ft. Wayne
Senior Citizen Com.
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY: CEREAL, CAN MEAT, POWDER
MILK, CAN FRUIT

Two prospective Summer Interns will be sharing in the life of our congregation this Sunday and participating during worship hours. Gary Childs is a sophomore at Valparaiso University and Laura Peter is a sophomore at Bethel College. Gary comes from the Linwood Church in Indianapolis and Laura from First Christian in Rochester. Gary served in various Youth Conferences last summer under the auspices of the Disciples Peace Fellowship.

Miriam Bixenman will preside during our worship hours. Andy Cook, our Moderator, will conduct congregational action on our 1979 Budget as printed on Page 3. Special speakers during both worship hours include: "THE SATISFACTION AND CHALLENGE WITHIN FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF --EVANGELISM"-- Bruce Lehman; STEWARDSHIP- Ron Flickinger; and EDUCATION - Jack Bickel.

Dr. Cline and a team from First Christian will be at Hazelwood Christian in Muncie for a WEEKEND OF SHEPHERDING.

(Continued on Page 4)

SERVING JANUARY 21

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and
Robert Johnson

10:45 A.M. Joe Wiley and
William Love

DIACONATE GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Busse-SW, M. Hutchin-
son-NW, P. Yentes, D. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. A. Benny-SW, R. Kruhl-SE,
G. Davis-NW, E. Conrad-NE, L. York,

G. Falbe, C. Schwartz, K. Lee

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
B. DeVinney, R. Thompson

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, D. Rogers, S. Grimm

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. C. Ludwig - K. Place;
M. Grimm - B. Pauley; W. Franklin -
S. Hayes

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Schellie Schell & Andrea Benny

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. John & Julie Stucky

10:45 A.M. A. Crowe & B. Briggs

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Stucky

10:45 A.M. S. Thompson, D. Thomp-
son, L. Sauerwein & T. Smith

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

670 - Mr. Paul Truby

869 - Miss Sue Horstman

PARKVIEW:

301 - Mr. Gordon Howell

528 - Mrs. Sarah Likens

ST. JOSEPH:

413 - Mrs. Edna Clark

353 - Winnie Mae Ferguson

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Karen Flickinger and family in
the death of her uncle, Leonard
Hall, in Logansport.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH:

To David and Carolyn Current,
a daughter, Rachel on 1/14/79--
which was her paternal grand-
mother's birthday, that is
Irene Current.

THANK YOU:

*"Your kindness at this time is
more deeply appreciated than any
words of thanks can express.*

Alyce Fuchshuber, Janice Ashton

Dear Friends:

*Carl & I would like to express
our gratitude to all those who
reached out to our family during
his mother's illness and after
her death. We would like to
thank Harold for his comforting
visits, all those who sent cheer
and sympathy cards, those who
came to the funeral home and all
the ladies who prepared dishes
for the funeral meal. We would
like to say a special thank you
to all those who babysat with
Hillary so Beth could spend time
with mom. Without you those
last weeks would not be filled
with such quality memories.*

In Christ Name,

Beth & Carl Schwartz

CALL FOR HELP:

We mailed a check including
\$880 for Christian Church Out-
reach as our Christmas offering
and then \$295 to each the Cleve-
land Christian Home and to the
Emily Flinn Home from our Christ-
mas Card gifts. This \$1,470 ex-
ceeded our 1977 total of \$1,364.
50 by a little over \$100. Thanks
to all who shared in this over-
and-above giving!

1979 WORKING BUDGET FOR CONGREGATIONAL ACTION SUNDAY

The Board is recommending the same total budget for 1979 as had been in our earlier Asking Budget, namely, \$156,806. One of the strongest bases for this action is the final results of giving this past year:

Total Budget Giving	\$132,068.78
Building Fund Giving	13,259.93
Storm Window Gifts	8,210.50
	<u>\$153,539.21</u>

<u>1978 ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET FOR ACTION</u>	<u>1979 BUDGET</u>
47,601.71	PASTORAL LEADERSHIP	\$ 51,389
	Two Staff plus replacement including salary & all professional and related expenses	
22,737.52	CHURCH STAFF	\$ 28,515
	2 full time & 7 part time	
4,747.66	OFFICE EXPENSE	\$ 4,950
	Postage, Paper, Supplies, Equipment	
4,341.03	EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM	\$ 5,800
	Curriculum & Supplies for Educational Prog.	
688.39	EVANGELISM	\$ 790
	Advertising and Program	
2,218.10	MEMBERSHIP	\$ 2,650
	Fellowship activities, THE DISCIPLE	
1,821.29	WORSHIP	\$ 2,125
	Special Highlights, Music, Communion	
18,451.97	PROPERTY	\$ 20,612
	Insurance, Utilities, Maintenance	
	Storm Windows	
4,450.50	LOCAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH	\$ 5,075
	Local Support for Christian Witness & Program	
25,028.61	OUTREACH MINISTRY IN REGION, NATION, WORLD	<u>34,900</u>
	Operational and Capital Outreach undergirding	
	TOTAL 1979 BUDGET	\$156,806
		(\$3,015.50 weekly) (Outreach or Others is 25.5% of the total)

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

DURING JANUARY 21--27, 1979:

Daniel Auer (21)	Janet Weicker (25)
Jim Plummer (21)	Virginia Dare (26)
Bob Ulrich (22)	Deborah Fishring
Gladys Hoop (23)	(26)
Delores Keebortz (23)	Doug Olson (27)
Harriett Cole (23)	Metta Stucky (27)
Marilyn Byers (25)	Helen Williams
Dorothy Schmidt (25)	(27)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER DURING JANUARY 1979:

Drs. Hubert & Harriett Reynolds in the Philippine Islands

BOARD OF DIACONATE:

A special meeting for all deacons and deaconesses has been called for Sunday evening, Jan. 28 at 7:00 P.M.

ALL C.Y.F. ers:

The C.Y.F. will meet at the church parking lot at 2:30 P.M. this Sunday to go Cross Country Skiing. (If weather should not allow skiing, the group will bowl.)

CHI RHO OFFERS SNOW SHOVELING:

Our Chi Rho youth will shovel snow for you upon request. Phone Sylvia Smith (745-4576), sponsor, if this service is needed. Donations to the Chi Rho treasury will be accepted for this service.

REMINDER TO ELDERS:

The regular quarterly Board of Elders meeting will be at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, January 30 in the Conference Room. All elders are needed and expected!

ASSOCIATED CHURCHES DINNER:

The annual dinner and meeting of Associated Churches will be at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, January 29 at First Presbyterian Church. The speaker is Bishop James Armstrong of the United Methodist Church and one of the top preachers of this generation. Call the church office to make reservation for the dinner.

HELP NEEDED:

Anyone interested in helping in the "Talking Newspaper" program for Fort Wayne Rehab. Center?

Someone willing to spend a few hours on Mondays using the simple machines which reproduce readings from the daily newspapers onto cassette tapes, packaging and mailing to members of the blind community weekly.

Contact Mrs. Francis Shine at Fort Wayne Rehabilitation Center 744-6145.

HYMNS FOR THE LIVING CHURCH:

The last minute rush on Memorial and Personal copy orders has caused us to extend the period through Sunday January 21. Please order now if you want a copy for home usage or if you desire to buy Memorial copies.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1:

The team of Andrea Benny, Rose Jenkins, Bruce Lehman, & Susie Watson will return Saturday afternoon. Dr. Cline will preach there on Sunday morning. Pray for the witness and impact of these who go!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

3:00 P.M. Chi Rho

5:00 P.M. Bell Choir

6:00 P.M. C.Y.F.

7:00 P.M. Board of Diaconate

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

6:00 P.M. Assoc. Churches Dinner
& Annual Meeting

7:00 P.M. Caller Visiting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

1:15 P.M. Rel. to the Sprt. Wld.

7:30 P.M. Board of Elders

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

7:00 P.M. FCC vs. No. Highlands
Presby.

7:30 P.M. Invitation to Adv.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:30 A.M. Heart of the Bible

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7:00 - 10:00 P.M. Come Program

PANTRY:

POWDER MILK, CEREAL, TUNA
CANNED FRUIT

Worship Sunday at 8:15 A.M. or
10:45 A.M. -- Become a part of
Christ's Action!

"FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL MAKE
YOU BECOME FISHERS OF MEN."

This call of Jesus to make us
all living channels of his life
and love to persons will be high-
lighted in very specific ways dur-
ing worship on Sunday. Dr. Cline
will be preaching both hours on
"CALLED TO BE CHANNELS".

This calling is not merely for
the work or results to come. This
is a call to meaningful human exist-
ence. It is a call to fulfillment
of life. It is a call to radiance
and joy. It is a call to growing
delight as a part of the community
of faith.

Ponder these words and make
them an abiding part of life--"And
Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and
I will make you become fishers of
men.'" Mark 1:17. Do not make it
merely a historical record, but
hear the living Christ saying these
words to each one of us today.

Allow the impact of these words
to be manifested in the reality of
the Twentieth Century. Let them
speak to our involvement in life
here in Fort Wayne. Ponder them in
relationship to First Christian
Church and the Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ).

JANUARY 28 SERVING
ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and
Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Robert Rayl and
Glenn Miller

DIACONATE GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Allen-SW, C. Hetrick-
NW, S. Thompson, D. Church

10:45 A.M. P. Mullen, D. Short, R.
Baughner, S. Hayes, B. Mettler-SW, M.
Akers-NW, R. Orr-NE, K. Taylor-SE

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
D. Dickey, R. Johnson

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, R. Hunt, B. Grimm

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Schellie Schell - Andrea Benny

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. John & Julie Briggs

10:45 A.M. A. Crowe & B. Briggs

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. N. Schilling

10:45 A.M. C. Falbe, P. Akers, D.
Ketner

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

670 - Mr. Paul Truby

670 - Miss Nellie Buchanan

ST. JOSEPH:

353 - Mrs. Winnie May Ferguson

PARKVIEW:

316 - Mr. Gordon Howell

TRANSFERRED TO CENTER:

Sarah Likens is now at the Fair-
field Health Care Center, 2626 Fair-
field, 07.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To our member, Evelyn Kanczuzewski,
and her family in the death of her
husband, Casimer on January 17.

GIFT TO PANTRY:

The Metropolitan Community
Church brought our Pantry 11
food items as a gift last week.
Thanks!

THANKS FOR GIVING SELVES:

Thanks to Miriam Bixenman, Laura
Peter, Gary Childs, Bruce Lehman,
Ronald Flickinger, and Jack Bickel
for leadership during worship on
Sunday. Many good comments have
been heard.

EDUCARE:

On the weekend of January 12-14,
our church was represented at
French Lick with the following:
Miriam Bixenman, Peg Buskirk,
Carol Cline, Betty Harter, Steve
& Tana Harter. We rejoice in the
positive experience.

TEAM TO MUNCIE:

In addition to Dr. Cline who was
at Muncie last weekend to lead
the Weekend of Shepherding, Steve
Harter participated on Friday
night and Andrea Benny, Rose Jen-
kins, Susie Watson, and Bruce
Lehman helped lead Friday night
and Saturday.

CHI RHO:

Our Chi Rho Fellowship will
meet at the church parking lot at
3:00 p.m. this Sunday, January 28,
to go to the home of Wade Smith,
3115 S. Webster, for a Taco Party.
Chi Rho is for all those in 6th,
7th, and 8th grades.

COME PROGRAM:

Deadline for registering Monday,
January 29. Call and register NOW!

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE CHURCH BOARD ON JANUARY 9, 1979

A major action was the approval of the Working Budget of \$156,806 for 1979. This action has subsequently been approved by congregational action during worship on the 21st. The budget was printed in THE TIDINGS of January 17 and is available in the church office.

Subsequent to the budget action, the Outreach Schedule for 1979 was approved as follows:

FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH -- \$300 -- ASSOCIATED CHURCHES
SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH -- \$1,500 for Christian Church Outreach for basic mission finance of General & Regional Church, Homeland and Overseas Ministries
THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH -- \$325 of which \$175 is for Week of Compassion and \$150 for Reconciliation
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH -- \$1,000 for Capital Needs through Indiana CTS Program--Our 1979 giving is going for a vehicle in Zaire under the division of Overseas Ministries
FIFTH SUNDAYS -- Annual gifts divided over year including: Boy Scout Chaplain for summer camp - \$100; American Bible Society - \$300; World Literacy - \$150; Indiana Council of Churches - \$250; World Council of Churches - \$150; National Council of Churches - \$150; Inter-Religious Action Council - \$150; Campus Ministry at IU-PU of Fort Wayne - \$450. The balance of \$775 for outreach is as needed for local projects. 25.5% of income is set aside and used for others as it is received.

A Sponsor Program for New Members was approved with this purpose: "To pair new members with previous members of similar age, status, area, and interests so that new members can be integrated more fully into the life of the congregation."

A motion approved the continuation of the HEADSTART usage of our building during the week on a month by month extension of the lease through this school year. Action approved the signatures required for Helping and withdrawals from savings. The resignation of Scott Rayl was approved with regret and also the resignation of Bob Pauley from the Board of Trustees as deacon representative.

Our limited Board membership of officers, chairpersons, and representatives which demands a 2/3 number for quorum caused problems in delaying action until the quorum was present. Each Board member is vitally needed each month.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

DURING JAN. 28 - FEB. 3, 1979

Florence Hagar (28)	Natalie Ulrich
Dr. Wm. Kerley (28)	(30)
Wade Smith (28)	James Sands
Doris Richards (29)	(1)
Jack Bennett (29)	Muriel A.
Betty Farrow (29)	Pitts (2)
Jayne Jenkins (29)	Anita Fitch (2)
Susan Shaffer (30)	Patricia Erdly
Martha Warner (30)	(3)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER DURING JANUARY 1979:

Dr. Hubert & Harriett Reynolds in the Philippine Islands.

1979 CHURCH GIVING:

The stress on our giving this year is on our regular or budget giving. We need to combine Building Fund and Storm Window and Budget giving in our regular basic church giving.

For those who desire designated giving over and above budget our first two projects which can be designated are: 1) Storm Window Loan Payment of a little over \$5,000 and 2) Church Van or Mini Bus Fund.

We need to meet our goal of \$156,806 as a priority and thus the normal one blank to note gifts on the 1979 Giving Envelopes.

COME PROGRAM:

This intensive 40 hour training will begin the first weekend of February. Registrations are needed NOW to insure the program and to reap the possible benefits. Though the framework of the study is Parish Visitation Skills, there is tremendous learning of listening and communication skills, of dealing with criticism, and much personal growth.

The Shepherding of our elders could be increased if every elder participated. All of us can grow through this training which begins Friday evening, February 2 and Saturday February 3.

BOARD OF DIACONATE:

Every deacon and deaconess is desired to be present for a special meeting this Sunday evening January 28 at 7:00 P.M.

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN:

Items needed for trip to Irene Byrum Health Center on February 12. Small items such as gum, candy, stationery, stamps, combs, kleenex, playing cards, hard mints, handkerchiefs, stuffed toys, old jewelry and shoe shine equipment. A box will be placed in Fellowship Hall for this service project. Gifts should not be wrapped.

SATURDAY MORNING MEN:

The Second Study-Prayer Breakfast of men will be at 7:00 this Saturday the 27th. George Bruckman and George Davis are fixing breakfast. Study will be chapters 2,3, & 4 of BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE by Mark Hatfield. Contact the office and prepare by reading if you have not already begun.

ELDERS QUARTERLY MEETING:

All elders are expected at 7:30 P.M. next Tuesday, January 30 in the Conference Room. This is vital meeting needing the input of every elder.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:00 A.M. Chi Rho Paper Drive

9:00 A.M. Come Program

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

4:00 P.M. Chi Rho

6:00 P.M. C.Y.F.

6:00 P.M. Inquirer's Class

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:00 P.M. Caller Visiting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:30 P.M. Invitation to Adv.

9:00 P.M. FCC vs 1st Assem. of
God

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

9:00 A.M. Dorcus Group - Bernice
Montgomery - 716 Archer Ave.

9:30 A.M. Heart of the Bible

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY:

TUNA, CAN FRUIT, SOUP, CEREAL,
SUGAR

AFC

As I drooled over FM radios, I saw a device I would like to have. It was called AFC and it would automatically lock the set on a tuned-in station and eliminate drift. I need that...in my life...for there are many voices calling me, many causes that need workers, many sounds that would fill my ears. Father, help me to lock my receiver on your station, so that I may always hear your call.

Robert Hale

Does the Lord desire offerings and sacrifices as he desires obedience? Obedience is better than sacrifice, and to listen to him than the fat of rams.

I Samuel 15:22

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SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 8:15 and 10:45
A.M. -- Sermon: "JESUS--IMPELLED
TO PREACH" Mark 1:21-39
and I Corinthians 9:16-23

SERVING FEBRUARY 4

8:15 A.M. William Franklin and
Fred Smell

10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and
Steve Harter

DIACONATE GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Brown, A. Lee, K.
Place-SW, E. Place-NW

10:45 A.M. M. Finkhousen, S. Allen,
J. Jump, M. Crouse, K. Taylor-SW, S.
Schell-NW, C. Cline-SE, B. Hendricks-
NW

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
T. Sauerwein, S. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, G. Shirley, M. Tobias

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. Jt. Weicker - M. Hut-
chinson; M. Snyder - P. Mullen; M.
Grimm - J. Young

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Eileen Klepfer - Carol Cline

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. Tim Evans

10:45 A.M. H. Jenkins & J. Benny

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Schilling

10:45 A.M. D. & M. Brian

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

633 - Mr. Paul Truby

862 - Miss Sue Horstman

864 - Miss Nellie Buchanan

ST. JOSEPH:

707 - Mrs. Edna Clark

ASSOCIATED CHURCHES:

Our congregation was represented
this past Monday evening at the an-
nual meeting of Associated Churches
by Andy Cook, Mildred Hartman, Con-
nie Wells, Ron and Karen Flickinger,
and Harold Cline.

NEW MEMBER PICTURES:

Eunice Conrad recently volun-
teered to take pictures of new
members and post them. You will
find the first of these on the
east bulletin board just inside
the south door. This is a way
to identify our new members by
name and face. Thanks Eunice.

JANUARY AVERAGES:

Church Worship	209
Church School	113
Thr. the Week Educ.	28
Giving	\$4,309.29

NEW MEMBERS DURING JANUARY

Tom and Nancy Harter

COMMENT ON JANUARY:

Weather has hit us hard this
month with fresh snow or ice on
each of the four Sunday mornings.
We regret that many of our mem-
bers have been unable to be out.

Our giving average is way over
budget, but is really hurting.
We had several annual gifts
which caused a very large first
Sunday offering. We have run
\$1,000 short on each of the last
three Sundays. We now have our
January gas bill of \$877.87 for
heat. Bring or mail offerings
regularly.

CALLING YOUTH:

Chi Rho for Paper Drive at 9:00
A.M. this Saturday the 3rd and
Sunday meeting at 4:00 P.M.

C.Y.F. for highschoolers-- Im-
portant planning for Youth Sunday
at 6:00 P.M. on Sunday!

WEEK OF COMPASSION REPORTS:

...unusual number of disasters at year's end.
...Hurricane Honduras - Belize left people homeless, destroyed crops almost totally, flattening bananas, blowing coconuts off trees...Costa Rica floods left many homeless...Lebanon, renewed fighting, new losses, injuries.
...Series storms destroyed harvest-ready rice, stored grain Vietnam.
...Cyclone, 100 mph winds, damaged homes, crops Sri Lanka.... Rhodesians attack Zambia, left wounded...Refugee camps Hong Kong, Malaysia, Philippines need food, medicine... Kentucky, Arizona floods. CWS sent blankets, funds to aid needy. Four Disciple congregations affected Frankfort, Ky. Special gifts for Week of Compassion will be received this month on February 18 and 25. In addition, \$175 goes monthly from our regular giving. We rejoice that we respond to disasters with immediacy and relevance in the name of Christ through Week of Compassion.

SING TO THE LORD!

Is your goal in life that of serving the Lord? Do you enjoy the company of somewhat crazy but likeable fellow Christians? Do you like to sing? If your answer is yes to all of these questions, then you belong in the choir.

One of our choir singers, John Briggs, states, "We enjoy our singing yet feel more of you (the congregation) should share in our choir stewardship, thereby improving the quality of our singing." Yes, our choir participation is a real commitment of our time and talent and as a choir we would be able to do more with our singing if we were larger. Please, think seriously about serving the Lord in song and join us on Thursdays at 7:30 and on Sundays at 10:15. For those who need it, babysitting is provided at all rehearsals.

Upcoming events for the choir include a Progressive Dinner on Feb. 24th, special music on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday and the Ecumenical Choral Festival on April 29th.

Remember! The servant who buried his talent lost it. Don't be a loser! Come! Sing to the Lord!

Sara Davis

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER, FEBRUARY 4-10, 1979:

Elen Lobdell (4)	Florence Griffith (7)	Barbara Taylor (9)
anda Ingmire (4)	Elinor Place (7)	John Beckstein (10)
Elizabeth Pattengale (5)	Nita Wilson (7)	Charlie Newman (10)
mma Phillips (6)	Betty Harter (9)	Kenneth Place (10)

VERSEAS STAFF FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER DURING FEBRUARY:

Keith & Jackie Stephenson, Fakultas Theologia UKIT, Tomohon, Sulawesi Utara, Republic of Indonesia. Read the full letter from this couple on the OUTREACH Bulletin Board just inside the south door. He is training native replacements to teach in the Seminary and she is teaching in the nursing program of the Protestant Christian Church of Minahasa, Indonesia.

"CALLED TO BE CHANNELS"

Several specific actions come from the sermon of last Sunday morning.

1.) Members and friends of FCC are encouraged to join in the National Evangelistic Association of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). This is to bear a witness of the importance of evangelism in a denomination which has not shown signs of growth other than in one of the last 20 years. Give \$5 per person along with names specially marked on regular envelopes (For N.E.A.) or in a special envelope with name and \$5 per membership. Folders interpreting N.E.A. were included in bulletins last Sunday and are available at all entry ways.

2.) Invite new neighbors to our church and offer to bring them. Many new in Fort Wayne especially from other communities are lonely and are hungry for real caring and love which can be found in our community of faith and love. Speak honestly of meaning found in Christ and the church and be a link for others.

3.) Find life fulfillment -- "A primary reason of human existence is to help every human being be aware God loves them." This calls for our being, our deeds, our words to express God's love in each and every human encounter day by day. Allow this sharing of love to be a conscious endeavor.

God calls us in Christ not merely to receive his love, but we are CALLED TO BE CHANNELS.

RESPONSIBILITY OF DIACONATE:

The meeting of the Board of Diaconate underlined the necessity of every elected deacon and deaconess to fulfill assigned responsibilities. Some specific changes of procedure were made for the Sunday morning communion apart from the other ongoing and regular responsibilities of home communion, special care relationship, baptismal assistance, and greeting after worship.

Those assigned at 8:15 A.M. are asked to sign in at the church office prior to 8:10 on Sundays. The four assigned will process at the same time as chancel elders and participants after preparation prayer time.

Those assigned for worship at 10:45 A.M. are asked prior to 10:40 A.M. to indicate their position they will fill for worship at the place in the NE Narthex. After signing in, the deacons and deaconesses are free to sit with families throughout the nave. On the final stanza of the Invitation Hymn they will move to the Narthex for the serving of communion. The ushers will care for the morning offering.

If any assigned cannot serve, replacements are to be secured as early as possible. It helps when changes can be reported to the office and printed in THE TIDINGS and the bulletin.

Emergency absence at the last minute should be reported to the chairperson or the church office.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
1:00 P.M. Bell Choir

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
1:00 P.M. Bell Choir
2:00 P.M. C.Y.F.
3:00 P.M. Inquirer's Class

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild
Lorea Kuhlman - 4125 Warsaw
8:00 P.M. Caller Visiting
9:30 P.M. Martha Circle
Pat Mullen - 4330 S. Harrison

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Circle
Lamppost

7:30 P.M. Deborah Group

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

2:00 Mary Group - Church
8:00 P.M. Open B.B. night
9:30 P.M. Invitation to Adv.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:30 A.M. Heart of the Bible
8:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

COUNTRY: CEREAL, SOUP, SUGAR, CAN
FRUIT, TUNA

STATISTICAL LOOK AT CHURCH

Most heartening during 1978 was the giving at a rate of \$339.03 per member with a rate of \$94.22 being used for others. Our total Outreach was nearly \$50,000 or 27.8% of all church income.

Our Participating membership dropped 20 to 529 as of December 31 and our Non-Participating membership increased to 268. Our Sunday worship dropped to 269 which is partly accounted for by our ending of Celebration Worship which normally averaged about the drop from the previous year. Church School averaged 120 plus the 33 average for Through the Week Educational Participation.

We only had 6 baptisms and 17 additions by transfer of membership. Losses by death and transfer were by far the lowest in recent years.

The full comparative Year Book Statistics of recent years is posted on the Bulletin Board opposite the office. This data shows reality. Certain areas demand attention for the health and vitality of our life in Christ. Yet, we celebrate what God has wrought among us!

SERVING FEBRUARY 11
ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and
Merle Grimm

10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and
Mark Snyder

DIACONATE GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Pauley-SW, J. Young-
NW, M. Busse, M. Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. A. Benny, R. Krull, G.
Davis, E. Conrad, L. York-SW, G.
Falbe-NW, C. Schwartz-SE, K. Lee

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
E. Allen, B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, B. Kerley, M. Calla-
han

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Eileen Klepfer - Carol Cline

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. Tim Evans

10:45 A.M. H. Jenkins & J. Benny

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Hiatt

10:45 A.M. S. Callahan, B. Glasgow,
B. Finkhausen

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

633 - Mr. Paul Truby (Coma)

431 - Miss Kim Campbell

488 - Miss Gloria Phillips

PARKVIEW:

343 - Mrs. Hazel Cleaver (Sister
of Gladys Hoop)

FUNERAL BY PASTOR:

Charles Cecil Thomas on 2/3/79--
he was a neighbor on Fernwood.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH:

To Dan ^{Paul} and Peggy Erickson, a son
Bradley ^{Paul} Daniel, on 2/3/79. Maternal
grandparents are Bill and Margaret
Love.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING:

The YES Class (i.e. Young Sin-
gles or formerly College and Car-
reer Group) will be going Cross-
Country Skiing Sunday, February
11, after the 10:45 A.M. Worship.
They will leave from the Church
and go to Fox Island. Ski ren-
tal is \$3 per hour.

CALLING C.Y.F. YOUTH:

All high schoolers are wanted
this Sunday at 6:00 P.M. as C.Y.F.
is working on Youth Sunday for the
10:45 A.M. Worship on Sunday, Feb.
25. Bill and Ginny Johnson are
working with the C.Y.F. on this
effort.

SLIGHT WEATHER BREAK:

Worship participation jumped
Sunday since there was no fresh
snow or ice even though it hover-
ed near 0 degrees. Many comments
were made of appreciation for the
worship experience. Though some
could not make it out on the ice,
it was good to have 276 in the
morning worships! Come join in
the worship of God as Number 1
in life!

WITNESS TO EVANGELISM:

\$5 per membership is encouraged
for the National Evangelistic As-
sociation of the Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ). Stand up
for a vital concern for evangel-
ism. Enclose \$5 and mark it
clearly for N.E.A. in addition
to any regular giving or in an
envelope of its own. Three things
are needed--Name, \$5, and N.E.A.!

GIVING TO OTHERS THROUGH FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

MANDATE OF JESUS: "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me....Truly, I say to you as you did it one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:35,36,40)

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always to the close of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

THIS IS WHAT WE DID FOR OTHERS DURING 1978

Christian Church Outreach for basic mission finance of	\$23,029.55
the Christian Church for operational needs of the	
regional church, the general church, Overseas and Home-	
land Ministries, Benevolent Homes, Colleges and Semi-	
naries, and denominational agencies	
Capital Outreach Projects	13,617.24
ACTS Campaign of Indiana--New Entry & Roads at Indian	
Lake	12,000.00
Equipment Needs at All Peoples Center in	
Los Angeles	1,106.24
Kitchen Equipment at Hazel Green Academy in	
Kentucky	511.00
Local Ecumenical Ministries -- Associated Churches of	4,030.00
which 60% is Weekday Christian Education; Campus	
Ministry at IUPUI-FW; Scout Camp Chaplain, United	
Church Women, Interreligious Action Council	
World Hunger and Relief -- Week of Compassion & Church	3,107.71
World Service & UNICEF	
Urban Poverty and Minority Aid -- Reconciliation Ministries	2,150.00
Church Vocation Scholarships -- Ron Connerly at Princeton	1,875.00
and Steve Doles finishing at Taylor in spring of 1978	
Local Outreach for Human Needs -- Pantry, Helping Hand	1,330.84
Fund, Senior Citizen programming	
Ecumenical Support -- American Bible Society, Indiana	700.00
Council of Churches, National Council of Churches,	
World Council of Churches, World Literacy	
1978 SHARING OF CHURCH AND AUXILIARIES FOR OTHERS	\$49,840.34

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It is a cause of rejoicing that of all receipts of the church and its auxiliaries 27.8% were used for others in our community, state, nation, and world. First Christian does not exist to promote only its life and program but exists for the larger cause of Christ and his work in the world. This is healthy in a day when many in the name of religion are set on self-aggrandizement and kingdom building strictly within limits of a narrow perspective.

COME PROGRAM POSPONED:

The COME Program was postponed until early fall from the scheduled times during February and March.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY:

Our Pictorial Directory for which families were photographed in August and September are available for each family which had a picture taken. Secure yours from the church office today. A limited number of copies are available for those not included in the pictures at \$5 per copy. Over 500 names and faces are linked together among our constituency in this directory. We thank Karen Flickinger, Linda Wiley, and Barbara Short who did most of the work plus the many others who helped and cooperated. This is an addition to our relating with one another by name.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER, FEBRUARY 11-17, 1979:

Marvin Crouse (11)	Brett Lucas (15)
William DeVinney (12)	
Catherine Freed (12)	Martha Hunt (16)
Christopher McDougale (12)	
Virgil Buchanan (13)	Edythe Metcalf (16)
Arlynn Call (14)	
Merle Grimm (14)	Karen Rogers (16)
Robert Neal (14)	
Gary Overmyer (14)	Karen Doehman (16)
Tony Evans (14)	

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER DURING FEBRUARY:

Keith & Jackie Stephenson

ADVENTURE IN EVANGELISM:

Weekend of April 20 & 21, Friday Night and all day Saturday. For all members. Motivation and Equipping experience. PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!

W E E K O F C O M P A S S I O N - 1 9 7 9

The annual special Week of Compassion offering will be taken during the week of February 18 to 25 through special envelopes or other marked gifts. This is our Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) participation in the interdenominational ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING. Our Disciple Goal for 1979 is \$1,625,000.

We send \$175 each month on the third Sunday from budget sources. We anticipate \$1,000 to \$1,200 in special giving during this once a year special offering. This is responding to world hunger. This is providing for immediate crisis relief for disasters. This seeks to rehabilitate and train persons to overcome problems of refugees, poverty and hung

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
1:30 P.M. Chi Rho
3:00 P.M. Bell Choir
5:00 P.M. C.Y.F.
7:00 P.M. Inquirer's Class

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

10:00 A.M. Study Group
7:00 P.M. Evangelism Comm.
9:30 P.M. Martha Group

Pat Mullen - 4330 S. Harrison

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:15 P.M. Relat. to the Spr. Wrld.
9:30 P.M. Deborah Group - Church
11:30 P.M. Lay Personnel Comm.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

9:30 P.M. Inv. to Adventure
11:30 P.M. Fireside

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

9:30 A.M. Heart of the Bible
11:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:00 P.M. CWF Exec. Comm.

ENTRY:

CANNED FRUIT, POWDER MILK,
TUNA, PUDDING

PREPARE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP:

SIN & FORGIVENESS--Mark 2:1-12

WEEK OF COMPASSION

Special Giving for Week of Compassion is focused for us on February 18 & 25. Our Disciple Goal is \$1,625,000.

Our total Church School offering plus that received in special envelopes or designated for Week of Compassion on regular envelopes will be used for this annual special effort.

A host of programs mainly in Third World nations are aimed at wiping out root causes of hunger--slums, malnutrition, exploding population, wells that dry up, soil that won't produce, and expanding desert areas.

Emergency response to natural disasters are regularly funded so that we can bring relief in the name of Christ when hurricanes, tornados, floods, or earthquakes strike.

Because Week of Compassion is channeled through the church, administrative costs are held to 5 to 6%. Safeguards check the validity of efforts and seek for the greatest difference for human lives.

Jesus taught us to pray, "Our Father". The Week of Compassion offering gives us an opportunity to discharge our family responsibility by helping some of the needier members of our world family.

SERVING FEBRUARY 18

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Johnson and
Janet Weicker
10:45 A.M. Joe Wiley and Robert
Rayl

DIACONATE GREETERS

8:15 A.M. P. Yentes-NW, D. Allen,
D. Keebortz-SW, C. Hetrick
10:45 A.M. J. Jump-SW, D. Short-NW,
R. Baugher-SE, S. Hayes-NE, B. Mett-
ler, M. Akers, R. Orr, Rosemary
Krull

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
B. DeVinney, R. Thompson
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
D. Rogers, S. Grimm

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. W. Love - D. Short;
J. Wiley - D. Church; G. Miller -
G. Davis

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Beverly Hendricks and Anne Lee

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. Tim Evans
10:45 A.M. H. Jenkins & J. Benny

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. C. Lee
10:45 A.M. B. Schwartz, C. Schwartz,
B. S. Johnson

IN HOSPITAL

LUTHERAN:

567 - Mrs. Alyce Fuchshuber

M117 - Mrs. Judy Dailey

578 - Wendall Glass

FUNERAL OF MEMBERS:

Mr. Paul D. Truby on 2/8/79. Paul
had been a member here since April
1953 in a transfer from Huntington.
Sympathy is extended to his wife,
Grace, and the family.

MEN'S BREAKFAST CHANGE:

The Men's Breakfast on Satur-
days has been changed to the
following:

7:00 - March 3 -- Ch. 6 & 7
7:00 - March 17 -- Ch. 8 & 9
7:00 - March 31 -- Ch. 10 & 11
7:00 - April 14 -- Ch. 12 & 13

If other men want to join in this
study of BETWEEN A ROCK AND A
HARD PLACE based on a book and
tapes by Mark Hatfield, please
contact Dr. Cline for a reading
book to prepare for the final
four sessions.

EQUIPPING WEEKEND:

Adventure in Evangelism -- Fri-
day Evening and Saturday, April
20 & 21. Save these dates NOW!

COMMITTEE MEETINGS COMING:

7:00 P.M. - Monday, Feb. 19 -
Evangelism Committee
7:30 P.M. - Tuesday, Feb. 20 -
Lay Personnel Committee
7:30 P.M. - Monday, Feb. 26 -
Education Committee
7:30 P.M. - Tuesday, Feb. 27 -
Worship & Pastoral Rela-
tions Committee

All Committees need to be at work
on the evaluation and goaling
which is due to be written and
received by the elders by May 15.

CONGRATULATIONS ON WEDDING

ANNIVERSARY:

To George and Virginia Bruck-
man who will celebrate their
35th Wedding Anniversary on
February 20.

GIVING NEEDED: Over \$4,700 in
checks written on 2/4 and \$4,500
on 2/11--Reality of Bills hits
the church!

STEWARDSHIP ANALYSIS FOR 1978

J.T.: "Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How are we robbing thee?' In your tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me; the whole nation of you. Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing." (Malachi 3:8-10)

JESUS: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. You cannot serve God and mammon." Matthew 6:21,24c "Everyone to whom much is given, of him will much be required." Luke 12:48b

PAUL: "The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work." II Corinthians 9:6-8

WEEKLY GIVING	HOUSEHOLDS		INDIVIDUAL GIVING UNITS			
		Couples 18-65	Couples Retired	Singles Over 18	Singles Under 18	Non Members
Over \$75	3	3				
\$50 to \$75	6	6				
\$30 to \$50	6	4	1	1		
\$20 to \$30	18	11	2	5		
\$10 to \$20	57	22	20	13	1	1
\$5 to \$10	54	21	14	18		3
to \$5	111	34	18	46	3	15
Under \$1	84	14	2	26	15	58

COMPARISON WITH PAST YEARS BY HOUSEHOLDS:

	1978	1976	1974	1975
Over \$50	9	4	0	0
\$30 or More	15	12	4	8
\$20 or More	90	73	68	45
\$5 or More	144	127	131	127
TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	339	310	319	276

These figures reaffirm the basic two principles which impinge on our giving, namely, commitment to Christ and availability of resources. The key issue is therefore not what we give, but what we give in proportion to what which God has entrusted us!

USED STAMP PROJECT:

\$14,682.19 was earned last year through voluntary efforts in saving and selling used stamps. Betty Gerard of our congregation processes our stamps collected in the box in the window ledge at the foot of the S.W. stairway.

This money is added to the causes of Week of Compassion, Church World Service, and the Heifer Project.

Ruth Deer, the National Coordinator of the Used Stamp Project sent this word from Marilynne Hill, Administrative Director of Week of Compassion: "Wouldn't it be wonderful to receive personal thanks from those who benefit from your gifts: The Chilean child who gets one nourishing hot meal every day through your kindness; the tree-planter in Haiti who is able to feed his family because your offering helps to provide work for him; the Indian who is seeing his dreams come true for a village able to provide for its needs and have cash crops besides; the refugee in a crowded camp in Malaysia who learns that a sponsor has been found. Since you can't hear from all these people personally, will you accept my expression of gratitude on their behalf?"

CHI RHO:

Our Chi Rho (all in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades) are invited to meet at the church parking lot at 2:30 p.m. this Sunday, Feb. 18 to go bowling. Please bring 75¢ for each game you wish to bowl and 35¢ for shoe rental. The group will return to the parking lot by 5:00, in time for Bell Choir.

DIACONATE SYSTEM WORKING:

We rejoice in the presence of all assigned deacons and deaconesses for serving and the use of the new check in boards for each service. We trust that each and every deacon and deaconess will continue to be regular or to find a replacement in any necessary absences. The 8:15 A.M. Service Board is outside the offices in the hall and the 10:45 A.M. Service Board is in the N.E. Narthex.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER,

FEBRUARY 18 - 24, 1979:

Joe Siples (18)	Barb Mettler
Romane Cole (20)	(23)
Florence Huddleston (20)	
Margaret Jenkins (21)	
John Williams, II (21)	
Walter Bowen (22)	Elsie Presnell
Steven Hall (22)	(23)
Vivian Atwood (23)	Susan Rousseau
Judith Brickley (23)	(23)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER DURING FEBRUARY:

Keith and Jackie Stephenson

CLOTHING TO MAROPE MODUKANELE:

The Deborah Group of our CWF is preparing to send used clothing to Marope Modukanele, whom you will remember as one of our overseas guests following the Quadrennial last summer. Marope distributes clothing she receives to the native Botswanians who live in the jungles and are often without anything to keep warm. Any good warm clothing you would like to contribute bring to church before Feb. 20. Contributions of 70¢ per pound would be appreciated.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:30 P.M. Youth Sunday Practice

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

12:00 P.M. C.Y.F. Dinner at Clines

1:00 P.M. Chi Rho

2:00 P.M. Bell Choir

3:00 P.M. Inquirer's Class

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:00 P.M. Evangelism Comm.

8:30 P.M. Education Comm.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:00 A.M. - 12:00 D.M.A.

7:30 P.M. Worship & Past. Rel.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:30 P.M. Invitation to Adv.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

8:00 A.M. Dorcus Group

9:30 A.M. Esther Group - Genevieve

Apple - 3605 Central Dr.

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

COUNTRY:

CANNED FRUIT, CANNED MEAT, SOUP,
CEREAL, NOODLES

WEEK OF COMPASSION:

Feb. 18-25, 1979

566.01 to date--Bring Gifts
Sunday!

CHOICE OF WORSHIPS

Meditative Worship at 8:15 A.M. will be our regular service including a sermon; Divine Worship at 10:45 A.M. will be conducted entirely by our youth and is styled and developed by them. Choose your preference of worship expression or participate in both!

"THE LIGHT OF DIVINE ASSURANCE" is the sermon title based on Romans 8:31-39 by Dr. Cline during worship at 8:15 A.M.

The C.Y.F. with the adult leadership of Bill and Ginny Johnson have planned worship for 10:45 A.M. Participants include: Tim Sauerwein, Jeff Johnson, Carol Cline, Martz Cole, Anne Lee, Scott Keebortz, Kathy Lee, Gary York, Clint Crowe, Tim Briggs, Dan Church, Steve and Bruce Grimm, Sheri Crist, Beth Schilling, Tony Evans, Bobbie Johnson, and Kim Campbell. Judi Hoagland, Steve Doles and Ginny Johnson are assisting with the music. They will practice at 2:30 P.M. Saturday and have a dinner at the Clines on Sunday noon.

The Youth service will include a brass ensemble, readings, prayers, youth anthem, singing, and communion--All to be led by the youth for our experience of God.

SERVING FEBRUARY 25

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and George
Bruckman

10:45 A.M. William Love and Joe
Wiley

DIACONATE GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Church-SW, S. Thomp-
son-NW, D. Church, E. Brown

10:45 A.M. M. Finkhausen, S. Allen,
J. Jump, M. Crouse, K. Taylor-SW, S.
Schell-NW, C. Cline-SE, B. Hendricks-
NE

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
D. Dickey, R. Johnson

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, R. Hunt, B. Grimm

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ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. Tim Evans

10:45 A.M. H. Jenkins and J. Benny

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Debbie & Steve White &

Mike & Shirley Callagan

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. D. & B. Johnson

10:45 A.M. L. Wiley, C. Falbe,
C. Cline

IN HOSPITALS

890 - Mrs. Alyce Fuchshuber

578 - Mr. Wendell Glass

M-117 - Mrs. Judith Dailey

379 - Mrs. Barbara Short & daugh-
ter

PARKVIEW:

441 - Mr. Paul Kenline

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH:

To Don and Barbara Short, a daugh-
ter, Mary Martha, on 2/18/79.

THREE RESPONSES AT INVITATION:

Linda Wilburn, 1317 Fayette Dr.,
-16, 447-6958, reaffirmed her al-
legiance to Christ and identified
in our fellowship this past Sun-
day. She had formerly been a mem-
ber of the Ossian United Methodist
Church. She has a bachelor's de-
gree from IUPU-FW and is current-
ly working on a MS in Pre-clini-
cal Psychology. She is employed
as a social worker by the Welfare
department and now deals with
child care. Linda has been ac-
tive with our YES Group for sev-
eral years.

Dean and Marianne Howard, 2915
Broadway, -07, 744-0607 also re-
newed allegiance to Christ and
identified with us. They had
most recently been members of St.
John's United Church of Christ.
Dean was baptized in our congre-
gation by Rev. Beck in the 1940's.
They run their own business,
DOLLS CLOCKS N THINGS at their
residence. He does clock repair-
ing and also is director of the
Shrine Band. His brother, Bill,
is also a member of our congre-
gation.

ELDER CALLED AS PASTOR:

Steven Harter has been unani-
mously voted by the Saturn Chris-
tian Church in Whitley County as
its provisional pastor. He is in
process of coming under care of
the Commission of the Ministry of
the Christian Church in Indiana
for licensing. We pray and wish
Steve, Tana, and family well in
this new undertaking.

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF BOARD ON FEBRUARY 6, 1979

Upon the recommendation of the Worship and Pastoral Relations Committee approval was given for the hiring of Laura Peter and Gary Childs as Summer Interns under our program supported by our Church Vocation Memorial Trust Fund. Laura is from First Christian Church of Rochester and is a sophomore at Bethel College in Mishawaka and Gary is from Linwood Christian Church of Indianapolis and is a sophomore at Valparaiso University. (NOTE: Dr. Cline would appreciate receiving inquiries from any who would be willing to provide board and room for either of these on a fee basis established with the program.)

Goals for persons as well as finances were approved after discussion by the board. These include: Sunday Morning Worship - 300; Church School - 50; Thr. the Week Education - 40; Budget Giving - \$3,015.50; at least 75 Participating Members; No more than 200 Non-participating Members; 15 baptisms, 25 transfers to our congregation.

The board took action honoring the request of Ron Connerly for the use of our building and our sponsorship as a congregation for his ordination which is likely to come early this June. The request of Chad Cline for a congregational banner for him to carry as a General Board member at the General Assembly in St. Louis this October was approved. Mike and Patullen were approved as teachers of the Chi Rho Class beginning March 1.

The Board of Elders presented a Goaling Document for action by all Boards and Committees by May 15 in which past goals are to be evaluated and new goals for the coming years to be recommended.

Approval was given for a Weekend of Mission to be shared with Spencer and Kathleen Bailey Austin on May 19 and 20, 1979. This dynamic couple with a rich wealth of experience and information will use their winsome personalities to interpret the world outreach of our church. It will begin on Saturday evening at 7:00 with an informal dessert with Board of Trustees and Elders and mates and Stewardship and Outreach committees and mates in the Parlor. They will make a presentation at both Sunday worship hours, "AFRICAN CENTENNIAL--A SUCCESS STORY. During Church School, Mrs. Austin will meet with children of grades 1 through 8 on SHOW AND FEEL sing artifacts of the Mission World. Dr. Austin will lead a combined high school and adult group on "HOW THE GOSPEL GETS COMMUNICATED IN AN ALIEN CULTURE." This is THE MOST CAPABLE COUPLE among Disciples to interpret the work of the church around the world.

The Regionally sponsored Listening Conference from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. on Sunday the 25th at Huntington was announced.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Scott Rayl and Desiree' Fry, who were married on Saturday, January 27. They will reside at 2518 Cortland Ave., -08.

THANK YOU:

Dear Friends:

Thank you for the many cards, calls, flowers, and prayers while Paul was in the hospital and after his death.

We especially want to thank Dr. Cline and Miriam for their many visits, and to all the ladies who prepared dishes for the funeral meal.

God Bless you all
Grace Truby & Family

We wish to thank all friends and members of FCC for all the cards, calls, and visits during my hospitalization. A special thanks to Dean Widler and Earl Fusselman for their regular visits. Also thank you for the continuing of cards and calls during my convalescence at home.

God Bless Everyone
Arthur W. Mowery

FEBRUARY D.M.A.:

ALL RETIREES ARE INVITED FOR A POT LUCK MEAL at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, February 27. COME!

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS:

Saturday, March 3, from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. we will be beginning a Church Membership Class for youth in the 6th, 7th, 8th grades. The class will be different than any we have done to date with scripture study as a basis for each class.

your door, would you not feed him for a month? If women in India, who have so little, can do it, cannot we do as much?

The bags will be brought to church on Sunday, March 18, and placed in larger rice bags, and the money sent to Week of Compassion for distribution. Will you accept this challenge for one month? Rice bags may be picked up at the church office.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER,
FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 3, 1979:

Wm. Howard (15)	Carl Linn (1)
Dan Church (25)	Gerald Zimmer-
Eunice Conrad (25)	man (1)
Freda Flaugh (25)	Bueford Tharp
Cathy Katt (26)	(1)
Homer Stevenson (26)	Lee Baugher
Jan Babbs (26)	(2)
Bette Gerrard (27)	Frank Moody
Debbie Brian (28)	(2)
Tim Briggs (28)	Robert Orr (2)
Larry Horn (28)	Myrtle Hendrick
J. W. Lehman (28)	(3)
Barb Busse (1)	
Glen Eddington (1)	

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR INTERCESSORY
PRAYER DURING FEBRUARY:
Keith and Jackie Stephenson

THE CHALLENGE OF THE RICE BAGS:

Last Sunday families of First Christian Church were challenged to place on their table for one month (Feb. 18 - March 18) small rice bags. Into these rice bags, we are asked to put, at each meal, the cost of feeding one extra person, along with our own family.

The idea began in India where Christian women put a handful of rice in a bag at each meal and take these to church on Sunday. The rice is then distributed, or sold and the proceeds distributed, to help feed the poor. If a hungry, starving child came to

your door, would you not feed him for a month? If women in India, who have so little, can do it, cannot we do as much?

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S E R M O N S -- L E N T T H R O U G H E A S T E R

Every member and friend is invited to share in all seven sermons in these weeks during Lent and ending on Easter Day. Jesus will be seen in living story or narrative according to the Biblical record. The goal is for a fresh knowledge and experience of Jesus on the basis of who and what he was and is.

The sermon will be a narrative told from the perspective of the apostle John. They will begin with the first prediction of his suffering and dying and continue through the resurrection accounts. No attempt will be made for applications or illustrations for today. The basic story will speak the message and each of us will draw from the person of Jesus for our applications and meaning.

Study of the background scriptures would be helpful for preparation and readiness to gain the most from the sermons. Regularity of attendance will make the story complete. Join in from the beginning--THIS SUNDAY THE 4TH!

March 4 - "HE IS THE MESSIAH; BUT?"

Matthew 16:1--18:35; Mark 8:11-9:50; Luke 9:18-50

March 11 - "HE MOVES WITH DETERMINATION"

Matthew 19:1-20:34; Mark 10:1-52; Luke 9:51-19:27

March 18 - "HE CONFRONTS THE CITY"

Matthew 21:1-24:3; Mark 11:1-13:4; Luke 19:28-21:7

March 25 - "HE TALKS OF ULTIMATE ISSUES"

Matthew 24:4-25:46; Mark 13:5-37; Luke 21:8-36

April 1 - "HE SHARES HIS INNER SELF"

Matthew 26:1-46; Mark 14:1-42; Luke 22:1-46; John 13:1-17:26

April 8 - "HE MEETS DEATH"

Matthew 26:47-27:66; Mark 14:43-15:47; Luke 22:47-23:56
John 18:1-19:42

April 15 - "HE IS RISEN"

Matthew 28:1-20; Mark 16:1-20; Luke 24:1-53; John 20:1-21:25

SERVING MARCH 4

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and
Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and
Rolland Ripple

DIACONATE GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Church-NW, K. Place,
E. Place, B. Pauley-SW

10:45 A.M. A. Benny-SW, R. Krull-
NW, G. Davis-SW, E. Conrad-NE, L.
York, G. Falbe, C. Schwartz, K. Lee

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
T. Sauerwein, S. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, G. Shirley, M. Tobias

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. R. Johnson - D. Keebortz;
F. Smell - K. Taylor; R. Rayl -
A. Benny

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Rosemary Krull - Barb Mettler

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. Tony Evans

10:45 A.M. E. Elliott & L. Taylor

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Cindy & Mark Akers

Pam & Mike Akers

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. A. Lee

10:45 A.M. S. & D. Thompson,
M. Pauley

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW:

441 - Mr. Paul Kenline

LUTHERAN:

890 - Mrs. Alyce Fuchshuber

472 - Mrs. Judy Daley

479 - Mrs. Ruth Stucky

ENTERED AND RELEASED:

Mrs. Debbie Augsburg for foot sur-
gery.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH:

To John and Debbie Ervin, a
son, Shane, on 2/20/79.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To John Weyer and family in
the death of his mother in Kan-
sas.

To Cecile Chevalier and family
in the death of her sister.

To Karen Rogers and family in
the death of her mother in Illi-
nois.

THANKS FOR YOUTH SUNDAY WORSHIP!

Deep appreciation is expressed
to the youth for their planning,
participation, and excellence in
leading worship at 10:45 A.M. on
Sunday. We also appreciate the
help of Bill and Ginny Johnson
with them on this effort. It
was an integrated and meaningful
worship experience!

FEBRUARY AVERAGES & 1979 GOALS:

Worship	279	300
Church Sch.	132	150
Th. Wk. Educ.	40	40
Giving	\$2,492.56	\$3,015.50

ADDITIONS:

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Howard

Ms. Linda Wilburn

We rejoice in the dedication and
participation in spite of the
weather and with a realization
of its limitation on others who
wisely did not venture out.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

March meeting--7:30 P.M. --
Tuesday, March 6-MEMBERS NEEDED!

GREETINGS AND REJOICING IN OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!

Certain things are bringing me a sense of expectation and fulfillment in the life of our congregation. May I share my good feelings with you!

COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR STEVE HARTER. There is much loss from our congregation coming from the fact that Steve Harter has been called as the Provisional Pastor at Saturn Christian Church. He is Chairman of Elders, Treasurer, Education leader and Tana is on Stewardship and they both have given leadership to our YES Group. Yet, it is a joy to see the opportunity to test out a possible new direction in life and work. This has come to Steve. We will hold a special Commissioning Service during our 8:15 A.M. Worship on Sunday, March 11. We invite all to share this joyous occasion!

SERMONS FROM A DIFFERENT SLANT. The sermon series announced on page 1 both excites me and scares me. I sense much special work and a very different approach for these series. My hope and prayer is that Jesus can be better known, appreciated, and loved as Lord and Savior of life. Pray that these messages will speak to each of us.

CHALLENGE: A RICE BAG FOR YOUR FAMILY. This challenge that we set aside the money to feed one hungry child for a month intrigues me. In checking family finances for 1978, the best figure my household could come up with per meal cost was 64¢. Thus, 28 days at 3 meals a day would be \$53.76. This would be totally over and above giving providing the cost of feeding one hungry child at our meal table for a month. I look forward to the bringing of our "A HANDFUL OF RICE" Bags on March 18. This challenge comes from the practice of the Christian women of India who set aside, even in their poverty, a handful of rice per meal to be shared with others.

ORDINATION INTERVIEW BY ELDERS. Ron Connerly will be interviewed by our board of Elders at 8:15 P.M. on Sunday evening, March 11 in preparation for the intended Ordination late in May or early in June. Pray for this young man both as he faces this interview plus his interaction with a possible congregation considering him in Ohio on the same weekend. It is a privilege of our congregation to share in this special act of commitment at the beginning of his professional ministry.

EVANGELISM AND STEWARDSHIP. Recently, John Compton, our Regional minister, suggested that these two items are the "bread and butter" of congregational life. Persons and resources need to come under the Lordship of
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Jesus Christ for the greatest fulfillment of life. May this be our constant concern in this LENTEN AND EASTER SEASON.

Grace and peace in our Lord Jesus Christ!

Harold E. Cline

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

4:00 P.M. Chi Rho

5:00 P.M. Bell Choir

6:00 P.M. Inquirer's Class

MONDAY, MARCH 5

10:00 A.M. Study Group

7:00 P.M. Caller Visiting

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

9:00 A.M. Ruth Group - Ruby Johns
1635 Spring St.

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

7:30 P.M. Invitation to Adventure

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

9:30 A.M. Rachel Group

9:30 A.M. Heart of the Bible

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

SECRET PLACE:

This daily devotional guide for March through May is available in all entry ways. Pick up a copy as a stimulus to ponder and sense the concerns and ways of God.

THANK YOU:

Thank you to Chi Rho members for washing down the beds and the toys in Nursery I. Members involved were Eric Zimmerman, Eric Jenkins, Scott Johnson, Bob Briggs, and Bruce Lehman.

ATTENTION LADIES:

The CWF Spring Banquet will be held March 12, 1979 in Fellowship Hall. A carry in dinner will begin at 6:30 P.M. Following dinner there will be a style show of "Unforgettable Fashions." Featured speaker of the evening will be Jack Weicker, "Dearie, Do You Remember When?" Please bring food, table service, friends, relatives, etc. and be prepared to have a good time. Rolls and drinks will be furnished. Reservations are needed. Please call the church office. Child care will be provided for a small fee.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER, MARCH 4 - 10, 1979:

Ruth Ventes (4) Eliz. Flesher
Linda Peterson (5) (8)
Sally Cline (5) Rex Clifton (9)
Dessie Buchanan (5) Arthur Busse
Bill Johnson, II (5) (10)
Richard Hamilton (6) Tana Harter
Robert Orr (7) (10)
Cora Harnish (7) Richard Dobson (10)
Hortense Futterer (8) son (10)
Jerry Warner (8) Kathleen Simon
Vada Tateman (8) (10)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER DURING MARCH: Helen and Clayton D. Weeks, Republic of Zaire

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT --- IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS

COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR STEVE HARTER - 8:15 A.M.

Our early worship will include a special commissioning service for Steve Harter to extend our love and blessing as he undertakes his responsibility as pastor at Saturn Christian Church. He is not running from us; it is going to share life and faith and love in a new role for his life. We believe that scattering is a part of the rhythm of the Christian community as well as gathering. We rejoice and praise God for what has been happening in Steve's life and will be expressed in his new undertaking.

PREPARE FOR SUNDAY MORNING SERMONS - 8:15 and 10:45 A.M.

Much comment was made last Sunday about the sermon. This different format for sermons will continue through Easter in which the basic Biblical story of Jesus is shared from the perspective of the apostle John. And the following Biblical background for this coming Sunday. Matthew 1:1-20:34; Mark 10:1-52; Luke 9:51-19:27. The title for this second sermon is "HE MOVES WITH DETERMINATION".

ORDINATION INTERVIEW BY ELDERS WITH RON CONNERLY - 8:15 P.M.

Our elders will be interviewing Ron Connerly as a part of a double interview process in preparation for his ordination upon graduation from Princeton Theological Seminary this spring. The Ohio Commission on the Ministry has already interviewed him a couple of weeks ago. It is a privilege as a congregation to be a part of the process of encouraging and relating to those entering the professional ministry. Pray for Ron and Deb this weekend as they are in the final negotiation with a congregation considering hiring him as a pastor.

SERVING MARCH 11

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Fred Smell and
Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Mark Snyder and
William Love

DIACONATE GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Allen-SW, M. Busse-
NW, M. Hutchinson, P. Yentes

10:45 A.M. P. Mullen, D. Short, R.
Baughner, E. Conrad, B. Mettler-SW,

M. Akers-SE, R. Orr-NE, J. Jump-NW
USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Allen, B.
Lehman

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, B. Kerley, M. Calla-
han

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Rosemary Krull - Barb Mettler

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. Tony Evans

10:45 A.M. E. Elliott & L. Taylor

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Bev & Bob Hendricks

Barb & Dick Johnson

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. E. Widler

10:45 A.M. B. Stucky, P. Akers, S.
Melchi

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW:

705 - Mr. Paul Kenline

755 - Mrs. Jennie Hill

614 - Mr. Gordon Howell

LUTHERAN:

890 - Mrs. Alyce Fuchshuber

477 - Mrs. Ruth Stucky

472 - Mrs. Judy Daley

CONGRATULATIONS ON CHILD:

To Jack and Pam Bickel, a daughter,
Emily Ruth, who arrived at their
home late last week.

FUNERAL OF LONG TIME MEMBER:

Mrs. Irene Cline, a member
since Dec. 19, 1920, - service
on 3/7/79. Irene served as a
Parish Visitor during the pas-
torate of Robert Beck. Mrs.
Cline died Sunday morning the
4th. Sympathy is extended
to her daughter Carolyn Beckstein
and family and other kin and
friends.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Mrs. Mary Wilhelm in the
death of her father-in-law.

To Dr. William Graham and fami-
ly in the death of his father, a
dentist in Kokomo.

To Fred Woodward, our Custod-
ian, in the death of his 95
year old grandmother.

THANK YOU:

Dear Church Family,

We want to express our deep
thanks to all of you who not
only shared our joy in the birth
of our daughter, but shared in
our concern for her health. We
know that prayer and the excel-
lent care she received made her
well. God bless you all.

Don and Barbara Short

"YES" DINNER:

Our "YES" group (formerly Col-
lege and Career) will have a car-
ry in dinner at the home of Joe
and Linda Wiley, the new sponsors
of the group, on this Saturday
evening, March 10. The members
are to meet on the church parking
lot at 6:00 p.m. to go in car
pools. Bring covered dishes of
dessert, rolls and butter, and
vegetables.

SUMMER CAMP AND CONFERENCE FOR YOUTH

Our Indiana Christian Church has done better planning and organizing for summer youth activities than has been done in many years. Exciting plans are afoot for all youth who will avail themselves of the opportunities. Our church encourages participation by paying one-half of the regular fee as educational development. Folders and registration forms are now available. Plan to include an experience "where God and a good time go together" for 1979!

LEVEL I -- THOSE ENTERING GRADES 5 & 6 IN FALL -- LIVING WITH ME

Purpose: To discover and celebrate personal gifts.

Music Camp at Indian Lake -- June 18-23 -- Greg & Virginia Miller, directing - \$60

Regular Camp Barbee -- June 25-30 -- Drexel Rankin, director - \$55

Regular Camp Barbee -- July 16-21 -- Howard Bowers, director - \$55

LEVEL II -- THOSE ENTERING GRADES 7 & 8 IN FALL -- LIVING WITH ME

Purpose: To understand personal and Christian values.

Sport Skills Camp at Barbee -- July 9-14 -- Keith Oditt, director - \$60

Music Camp at Indian Lake -- July 16-21 -- Karen Warren, director - \$60

Regular Camp Barbee -- July 23-28 -- Ted Forbes, director - \$55

LEVEL III -- THOSE ENTERING GRADES 9 THRU 12 IN FALL -- LIVING WITH ME

Purpose: To explore life purposes and vocational plans.

Regular Conference at Barbee -- July 29-August 4 -- Don & Mary Lynn, directing - \$60

Many other possibilities: Music, Creative Arts, Wilderness, Serving-Sharing, Advanced Trail Camp, International Affairs, General Assembly--See folder.

LEVEL IV -- POST HIGH THROUGH OLDER ADULT -- LIVING WITH ME

Purpose: To re-examine life purposes in process.

Advanced Trail Camp in White Mountains -- July 15-25 -- \$105

Trail Camp in Smokey Mts. -- August 5-11 - \$65

Retreat at Indian Lake -- August 10-21 - \$30

Family Camp at Barbee over Labor Day -- September 3-6 -- Cost variant with usage.

ACT NOW: Secure registration full information and registration blanks from the church office or Mrs. Bixenman or Dr. Cline. Turn in the completed registration form and one-half of the scheduled fee in a check made out to First Christian. **PLAN AND ACT NOW!**

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

8:15 A.M. Commissioning of Steve Harter
 9:30 A.M. Church School
 10:45 A.M. Worship Service
 5:00 P.M. Bell Choir
 6:00 P.M. Inquirer's Class
 8:15 P.M. Ron Connerly's Examination by Board of Elders

MONDAY, MARCH 12

9:30 A.M. Fellowship Guild - Mildred Hartman - 422 W. Oakdale
 9:30 P.M. Spring Banquet

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

7:15 P.M. Relating to the spiritual world

8:30 P.M. Membership Class

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

12:00 Noon Mary Group - Ina Smith
 4321 Champlain

7:30 P.M. Invitation to Adventure

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

8:30 A.M. Rachel Group
 9:30 A.M. Heart of the Bible
 7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

CHI RHO MARCH CALENDAR

This Sunday, March 11 - No meeting

March 18 - Scavenger Hunt

March 25 - Bike Road Rally with a prize for the winner

April 1 - Bring a friend to Chi Rho Day with Mrs. Bixenman planning a special meeting.

The first Saturday in May, May 5 the Chi Rho members will offer their services as slaves to persons wishing to hire them for yard work, household jobs, or odd jobs, for a donation. This project has been decided upon because of the very low price of papers this year, and since Chi Rho projects are entirely supported by their group.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER,

MARCH 11 - 17, 1979:

Mary McCarthy (12) Carole Over-
 Florence Palmer (12) myer (15)
 Anita Fountain (14) George Bruck-
 Gordon Howell (14) man (16)
 Ethel Shroyer (14) Rex Clifton
 Mike Akers (15) (16)
 Mark Akers (15) Robt. Ogles
 Wayne Kuchingel (15) (16)
 Stephan Ludwig (15) Max Finkhou-
 sen (17)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER DURING MARCH:

Helen and Clayton D. Weeks

Republic of Zaire

Clayton and Helen and their grown son, Steven, currently are addressed at APO EDZ/DCZ Secretariat, B.P. 178, Mbandaka, Republic of Zaire. They have spoken often in our Indiana Churches and have often been at Winamac, Indiana for furloughs. Clayton and Helen have been deeply involved in mass evangelism work through the years and the developing of indigenous Africans in meaningful Christian discipleship.

CALLING ALL WOMEN:

Call for reservations to the church office-744-3239 for yourself and mothers, grandmothers, daughters, and friends that you will be bringing this coming Monday evening at 6:30 P.M. Bring food and table service for the meal--rolls and drink will be furnished. Child care.

Jack Weicker will speak on "Dearie, Do You Remember When?" Also a style show entitled, "Unforgettable Fashions".

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
Chapters 8 & 9

10:00 A.M. Youth Discpsh. Class

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

1:00 P.M. Chi Rho

2:00 P.M. Bell Choir

3:00 P.M. C.Y.F.

6:00 P.M. Inquirer's Class

MONDAY, MARCH 19

7:00 A.M. Study Group

7:00 P.M. Evangelism Comm.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

7:30 A.M. Rebecca Group-Pagoda
Inn

7:00 P.M. Worship & Past. Rel.

7:30 P.M. Martha Group - Rosemary

Krull - 3466 S. Washington Rd.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

7:30 P.M. Invitation to Adv.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

7:30 A.M. Heart of the Bible

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

COUNTRY:

POWDER MILK, CANNED FRUIT, TUNA,
CEREAL

GREETINGS IN THE LORD!

It was a joy to share in the Commissioning Service of Steve Hunter as he undertakes the task as Provisional Pastor of the Saturn Christian Church! We appreciated the participation of our eldership and the contingency from Saturn. We rejoice in the depth of feeling and commitment expressed by Steve. The Saturn Church is holding a service of installation for Steve at 3:00 P.M. on Sunday, April 1, followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

A very significant interview was held with Ron Connerly on Sunday evening with our Board of Elders. I sensed it was a meaningful and growing experience for all present. (Frankly, I hurt that 14 of our male elders were not present for the occasion -- I recognize that three were in Florida or Georgia. All our female elders were present.) This is a privilege that we are a part of a capable young man in his commitment and movement toward ministry in the church. Our Board of

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SERVING MARCH 18

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Janet Weicker and
William Franklin

10:45 A.M. Robert Orr and
Margaret Love

DIACONATE GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz, C. Het-
rick-NW, D. Allen-SW, S. Thompson

10:45 A.M. M. Finkhausen-SW, S.
Allen-NW, J. Jump-Se, M. Crouse-NE,
K. Taylor, S. Schell, C. Cline, B.
Hendricks

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, B. Devinney,
R. Thompson, E. Allen

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, D. Rogers, S. Grimm

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. B. Leversee-C. Schwartz;
J. Church-E. Conrad; R. Johnson-J.
Jump

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sue Allen - Laura York

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. Tony Evans

10:45 A.M. E. Elliott & L. Taylor

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Dave & Ellyn Kreischer

Laverne Hunt

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. N. Schilling

10:45 A.M. D. & M. Brian, L. Sauer-
wein & T. Smith

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW:

705 - Mr. Paul Kenline

MEMBER SPOKE AT ANDERSON:

Ruby Cline spoke for Laity Sunday
on March 4 at East Lynn Christian
in Anderson.

FUNERAL BY PASTOR:

Mrs. Jennie Hill, a friend of
First Christian Church, on 3/9/
79. Sympathy is extended to her
six children and families. Susan
Knuckles formerly of our congrega-
tion was a granddaughter and
had brought her to our fellowship.

AREA MEN INVITED:

To West Creighton Christian
Church at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday,
March 24. Call our church of-
fice by the 21st for reserva-
tions.

Speaker will be Frank Springer,
who has spoken for us from our
Division of Homeland Ministries.
Focus is on men especially in
conjunction with Sessions 79 and
the Fall Barbee Retreat. Frank
makes the morning worth while--
Plan to attend and take another
man!

PASTOR TO TULSA:

Dr. Cline was gone this week
to lead a Prayer Retreat at
First Christian Church in Tulsa,
Oklahoma including speaking for
a congregational dinner, the
Board of Elders breakfast, Dia-
conate luncheon, and leading a
3 hour prayer experience on
Thursday morning.

THANKS IS EXTENDED:

To Ed and Sue Allen for the
laundering and rehanging of all
Fellowship Hall curtains and
drapes this past Saturday. Also
to Delores Keebortz for painting
the North Children's Rest Room
on the Ground Floor.

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Elders voted unanimously for his ordination. This concurs with the Ohio Commission on Ministry and thus will jointly sponsor his Ordination Service during our Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 A.M. on June 10.

I have been very appreciative of Miriam's desire to use the Rice Bags in our congregation. To repeat--this is using a practice of the Christian women of India who set aside a handful of rice at each meal to bring to the church on Sunday to help feed the needy. These Christians share with us much greater poverty than we have. The challenge for us is to set aside each meal for four weeks--February 18 to March 18, the cost to feed a hungry child at our meal table.

In my household when we figured all grocery and all eating out costs for 1978 and guessed at an average number per meal we ended up with a cost of 64¢ for each person for each meal for the year. Thus, I have the challenge to multiply this by 84 which is 28 times three meals per day.

You might figure a basis for eating in your home or eating out. We are challenged to bring these gifts in the Red Rice Bags which have been distributed through last month. This will be an extra gift which will be used for hunger and rehabilitation in our world. Share in this OVER AND ABOVE GIVING AS IF FEEDING A HUNGRY CHILD FOR A PERIOD OF 28 DAYS.

I have sensed personal growth and understanding in the process of writing the special sermons telling the story of Jesus during this Lenten season. I have had my own "Aha's" of understanding. I pray that Jesus will be seen and understood more completely and realistically through these sermons telling his story. This Sunday we move to the Palm Sunday and early Holy Week portion of the account found in Matthew 21:1-20:34; Mark 11:1-13:4; Luke 19:28-21:7. The title is "HE CONFRONTS THE CITY". Come and invite others to join you for the sermons. I was glad to have 26 in our worship hours last Sunday.

Know my care, yearning, and prayer that each of us know and find life in its fullest dimensions in Jesus our Lord.

I hope to see you Sunday!

Harold E. Cline

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER,

MARCH 18 - 24, 1979:

Edna Mae Shoe (18)	Steve Grimm
Melanie Baugher (19)	(23)
Vince Wells (19)	Terry King, Jr.
Pauline Auer (20)	(23)
Edna Clark (20)	Bob Paukey
Laura Mares (20)	(23)
Ruby Mowery (20)	Debna Augsburg
Bill Halbrook (21)	ger (24)
Julia (Crouse) Brita	Margaret Love
(22)	(24)
Christine Dailey (22)	Blanche Valen-
Pearl Heldecker (22)	tine (24)
Thomas Banet (22)	

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR INTERCESSORY

PRAYER DURING MARCH:

Helen and Clayton D. Weeks
Republic of Zaire

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

All Board members are needed on Wednesday, April 11 at 7:30 P.M.. Our March Board meeting was crippled by a lack of a quorum and thus no official business could be handled. Our Board is demanding of responsible and regular participation since 2/3 of its members is required for a quorum. This caused us to be unable to fill some vacancies in important offices.

CHINA--TWO VIEWS:

All interested persons are invited at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 27 for a special program arranged by the Deborah Group.

"THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SKY" is a movie on China taken the year before Nixon's first visit. It was filmed by a group with Shirley MacLane. Many saw it at the C.W.F. QUADRENNIEL although there were

widely varying reactions to it.

Mrs. Earleen Ulery of Wabash will give reactions and comments out of her trip to China just two months ago. She is a journalist and pastor's mother.

Learn of China--A nation with its hordes of people!! Do we know them to care?

CALLING C.Y.F.ERS:

Each Sunday at 6:00 P.M. ---
PLUS Plan Now for the FIRST ANNUAL C.Y.F. ASSEMBLY on April 27-29 at Franklin College. Theme: "I'M O.K., GOD DOESN'T MAKE JUNK" -- Self-discovery and affirmation will be led by Dr. Tex Sample, Prof. & writer from Kansas City.

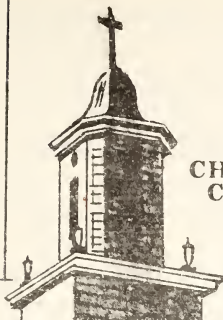
It begins at 6:00 on Friday and ends at 3:00 on Sunday. Housing will be in area homes, but all activities and meals will be on the Franklin College campus. Turn in \$10 with your name now to Dr. Cline. This is your share of cost for all meals, T-shirt, snacks, supplies, and leadership.

D.M.A.--IN TOWN TRIP:

Our D.M.A. will meet at the church parking lot at 9:15 A.M. on Tuesday, March 27 or at 10:00 A.M. at the Planetarium at St. Francis College. The Planetarium experience costs \$1.00 and will be followed by a tour of the Bass Home. Following these, the group will go to a private room at Lucky Steer in Times Corner for the noon meal. Hosting are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fusselman, Mrs. Gwynth Rice, and Mrs. Esther Whitton.

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SUNDAY AT FCC

CHURCH CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

10:00 A.M. Youth Disciph. Class

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

7:00 P.M. C.Y.F.

7:00 P.M. Chi Rho

7:00 P.M. Bell Choir

7:00 P.M. Inquirer's Class

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

7:00 P.M. Caller Visiting

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

7:00 P.M. All invited to learn

of China - Movie "THE OTHER SIDE

OF THE SKY" plus speaker

MONDAY, MARCH 28

7:30 P.M. Invitation to Adv.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

7:30 A.M. Heart of the Bible

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

COUNTRY:

CEREAL, POWDER MILK, P-NUT

BUTTER, TREET, TUNA

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY:

Invite and bring guests and
friends to Church School and Wor-
ship on April 29!

We believe that it is not merely our choice, but God's desire that we grow through study and relationships and that we express and find life through worship. Join us this Sunday in God's House.

Sermon: "HE TALKS OF ULTIMATE ISSUES" based on Matthew 24:4-25:46; Mark 13:5-37; and Luke 21:8-36. Baptism included in Worship at 10:45 A.M.

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"Christian baptism is dynamite. It is a revolutionary action which cuts to the core of our shallow, sinful images of ourselves and challenges many of our superficial values. In a world asking too little of itself, feeling cast adrift on a sea of parentless chaos, timidly sticking its toes into the waters of life when what we need is a faithful plunge, Christian baptism has become again a liberating, revolutionary act. As liberating as the judging, birthing, devastating, resurrecting, and refreshing love of God in Jesus Christ."

William Willimon in ALIVE NOW

SERVING MARCH 25

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and
Robert Johnson

10:45 A.M. Barbara Short and
Bert Leversee

DIACONATE GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Church, E. Brown-NW,
A. Lee-SW, B. Pauley

10:45 A.M. A. Benny, R. Krull, G.
Davis, E. Conrad, L. York-NW, G.
Falbe-SW, C. Schwartz-NE, K. Lee-SE

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, G. Bruckman,
D. Dickey, R. Johnson

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, R. Hunt, B. Grimm

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sue Allen - Laura York

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. Tony Evans

10:45 A.M. E. Elliott & L. Taylor

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Kathlyn & Herb Banet

Becky Patton

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Schilling

10:45 A.M. S. Callahan, B. Glasgow,
D. Ketner

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW

705 - Mr. Paul Kenline

Y.E.S. GROUP:

Our Young Singles have new leaders in Joe and Linda Wiley who replace Steve and Tana Harter. The Class meets each Sunday at 9:30 A.M. off the Youth Lounge (8 last Sunday) plus special activities.

EVANGELISM PRAYER CHAIN - 6:00 P.M.,
April 6 until 6:00 P.M., April 7.

SATURN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

THE INSTALLATION SERVICE OF

STEVEN ROSS HARTER

AS PASTOR OF OUR CONGREGATION

ON

SUNDAY APRIL FIRST

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-NINE

AT

THREE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN

CHURCH SOCIAL ROOM

NOTE: The Saturn Christian Church is on 800 S. just west of 700 east in Whitley County. 800 S. is two miles south of highway #14 and 700 east is one mile west of County-line road.

THANKS:

Last week in mentioning the painting of the north children's bathroom on the first floor, Paul Yentes had painted the ceiling, Delores Keebortz the walls, and Sue Allen made a new curtain and ceiling hanging. Thanks for brightening the room so much--- All three of you!

THANK YOU TO CONGREGATION!

Your kindness and sympathy are more deeply appreciated than any words of THANKS CAN EVER EXPRESS.

Carolyn Cline Beckstein
and family of Irene Cline

DECISION DAY IN WORSHIP

8:15 and 10:45 A.M. - April 8

INTERRELIGIOUS ACTION COUNCIL:

This community organization which stemmed from Project Commitment to create reconciliation and understanding was voted out of existence on March 8. We had participated significantly in it both in financial undergirding and personal efforts. It fostered the Mother-to-Mother and Family-to-Family programs. Final funds were voted as follows:

\$500 to Martin Luther King Center

\$500 to Offenders Aid & Restoration Group

\$600 plus as seed money to Associated Churches to invest in Christian-Jewish dialogue and understanding.

These purposes seemed in harmony with the intention of the group and its finances.

SEVENTY OF SIXTY REGISTERED:

We hope to have 60 of our folks participating in the Motivational and Equipping Weekend--Adventures in Evangelism on April 20 & 21. Seventy are registered to date. Please fill out the covenant form and mail it to the church office or place it in the Sunday offering plate. Plan now for this weekend using media resources and the leadership of Morris Finch and a guest team from sister congregations!

CHI RHO:

Chi Rho will have a bike road rally this Sunday at 4:00. Bring your bikes. There will be a prize (provided by Bruce Lehman) for the winner.

C.Y.F.:

C.Y.F. will meet this week from 3:00 - 5:00 P.M. on Sunday. The group will meet on the parking lot at 3:00 and go to Foster Park for a time of spring recreation. Tim Sauerwein and Tim Briggs are in charge of recreation, with Anne Lee, Kathy Lee, and Carol Cline in charge of calling and refreshments. In case of bad weather, the meeting will be at the church.

NEWS! Bill and Ginny Johnson and Chip and Becca Olson are the new C.Y.F. Counselors!!

INVOLVEMENTS OF PASTOR:

Last week, I appreciated the prayers and support as I led a short, intensive Prayer Renewal in Tulsa, Oklahoma. I felt special enabling through the undergirding of prayer. Thanks so much!

This Friday evening and Saturday, plus April 6,7, May 4,5, and June 1,2, I am using the training received last fall in leading the COME Program at Kokomo. May I invite your prayer support.

Next week I am one of five representing Indiana in the Evangelism planning conference nationally for Disciples entitled, "NEW HORIZONS IN EVANGELISM" in Oklahoma City. I will fly via Fort Worth to spend a day with Chad.

Harold E. Cline

TO NURSING CENTER:

Mrs. Alyce Fuchshuber is in Room 204 at the University Park Center, 1400 Medical Park Drive, 46825.

MINI-BUS FUND:

In August of 1976, the Board passed a program for a Mini-Bus. It called for a special fund towards the purchase or lease of such a Van. The first gift for the bus was given Sunday. These are welcome at any time but must clearly be marked for the Mini-Bus.

THE MOSES STORY

At 7:00 P.M. on Sunday, May 20, the Children's Choir and the Chi Rho Singers, under the direction of Randy Ahr and accompanied by Heather Cleven, will present a musical titled The Moses Story. The Participants are working hard learning their songs and scenes but they are now at a point where more help is needed. In the areas of costumes, props, lights, stage sets & crews, & additional instrumentalists, any interested volunteers would be most welcome. If you can help, please call the church office (744-3239) or see Randy Ahr or Sara Davis as soon as possible. We know that with a total church effort this production will be a delight for all.

Randy Ahr and Sara Davis

DOUBLE HEADER ON CHINA:

The movie, "THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SKY" and a speaker, Mrs. Earleen Ulery of Wabash will combine for an informative program on China next Tuesday at 7:00 P.M..

This is a special study input for both men and women related to the Outreach study for the year. Come and bring guests this coming Tuesday!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER, MARCH 25 - 31, 1979:

Rosemary Krull (25)
Edwin Hall (27) Pam Akers (30)
Lillian Scott (27)
Margaret Beachley (27)
Kimberly Borton (28) Connie Wells
James Buchanan (28) (30)
F. Wayne Rousseau (28) Bill Urich
Maude Donohue (29) (31)
Sylvia Smith (29) Robert Baron (3)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER DURING MARCH:

Helen and Claylon D. Weeks
Republic of Zaire

SHORT QUARTER ENDS:

The first quarter of 1979 ends this Sunday with only 12 Sundays. This is a time for all to be current on regular commitments to the church for 1979. We have had some large bills recently which have virtually wiped out some high giving at the beginning of the year. All need to give regularly and generously to undergird the ministry of Christ. Have you given 10% of your income for the first quarter of 1979 for the Lord and others?

WEEK OF COMPASSION--RICE BAGS:

We have received \$733.18 in our special Week of Compassion offering and \$700.96 in the Rice Bags on this past Sunday for a total of \$1,434.14. Sunday, March 25 will be the final one for this annual giving for human needs in Christ's name around the world. We rejoice in the giving which poured forth from our concern to feed a hungry child.

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R E S U R G A M

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning

Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

1:00 P.M. C.Y.F. - Sex,

Love, & Marriage Tapes

2:00 P.M. Bell Choir

3:00 P.M. Inquirer's Class

MONDAY, APRIL 2

8:00 A.M. Study Group

1:00 P.M. Caller Visiting

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

8:00 A.M. Ruth Group -

Martha Cole - 7430 U.

S. #24 West

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

8:00 A.M. Dorcus Group -

Parlor

9:30 A.M. Heart of the

Bible

1:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

8:00 P.M. Chain of Prayer

for Decision Sunday

FRIDAY:

CEREAL, SOUP, CAN FRUIT,

JAM, TREES

*It happened on an April day,
Lounded by skies so blue and still,
And Olive trees all hushed and gray,
They led One up a skull-shaped hill
Followed by a crowd whose piercing cry
was, "Crucify!"*

*It happened on an April morn,
They nailed a Man upon a tree
Whose head was circled with a sharp thorn,
Lifted him high that all might see
His agony, His heaving breath,
His awful death.*

*It happened on an April eve--
The air was cut by one sharp cry
That wine nor gall could not relieve:
"Eli ... lama ... Sabachthani!"
Then lightning, thunder crack on crack,
The sun was black.*

*It happened on an April day
They tombed a Man (the crowd had fled)
Sealed it, and set a watch that way
To flout His words; to prove Him dead;
And show Himself He could not save
From the dark grave.*

*It happened on an April day. ...
A tremor shook the paling gloom,
A white flame tore the door away,
Life came a victor from the tomb.*

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SERVING APRIL 1

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Merle Grimm and
Margaret Love

10:45 A.M. Joe Wiley and
Robert Rayl

DIACONATE GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Young, M. Busse, M.
Hutchinson-SW, P. Yentes-NW

10:45 A.M. P. Mullen-SW, D. Short-
NW, R. Baugher-Se, S. Hayes-NE, B.
Mettler, M. Akers, W. Bowen, C.
Crowe

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, G. Bruckman,
T. Sauerwein, S. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, G. Shirley, M. Tobias

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. B. Short - C. Cline;
C. Ludwig - G. Davis; M. Hartman -
B. Hendricks

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Peg Buskirk - Eunice Conrad

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. W. Smith

10:45 A.M. D. Ketner & K. Byers

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Monte & Phyllis Tobias

Dean & Elsie Widler

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. E. Widler

10:45 A.M. M. & C. Akers, M.

Pauley

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH:

821 - Irene Hamman

408 - Mrs. Helen Reynolds

LUTHERAN:

788 - Mrs. Hazel Cleaver (Sister
of Gladys Hoop)

768 - Mrs. Donna Johnson

RESPONSES TO INVITATION:

Judith Ann Hoagland, 5418 S.
Calhoun St., -07, 745-2964, made
her confession of Christ as Lord
and was baptized Sunday morning.
Judy has been with our choir
over a year and has sung many
solos. She is a music student
at IUPU-FW and is active in mu-
sicals both there and the Civic
Theatre. She works at Mister
Donuts. Sunday was her 19th
birthday and her birthday in
Christ!

Robert Warren Briggs, the son
of John and Betty Briggs, 5807
Fernwood, -09, 478-1012, made
his confession of faith Sunday
morning will be baptized later.
He was 12 on Monday of this week
and is a sixth grader at Keki-
onga Middle School. He plays
baritone and banjo, likes to
Skate Board and Bike Ride and
Sports, and is in Boy Scouts.

We welcome these decisions and
anticipate many more in the im-
mediate weeks and months ahead.
If there are questions about
confessions and baptisms or
transfers of membership, please
call Dr. Cline and he will be
glad to discuss it with you.

SCHWARTZ FAMILY TO GEORGIA:

Carl and Beth Schwartz along
with young Hilary, are moving
this week to 2766 Dalewood, Col-
umbus, Ga. 31907. Carl has tak-
en a job as Senior Accountant
for Burnham Van Service. Our
wishes and prayers and love go
with this family!

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*Love cannot die, nor truth betray. ...
Christ rose upon an April day!*

John Richard Moreland

Since our faith centers in the mighty action of God wrought in Jesus described in the poem, surely worship ought to highlight our life in April of 1979. The story of Jesus has been our focus since Lent began and comes to the climax on these first three Sundays of April with Jesus's preparation for crucifixion, his death and his resurrection. For all three of these sermons.

Sermon for April 1: "HE SHARES HIS INNER SELF" --Read: Matthew 26:1-5; Mark 14:1-42; Luke 22:1-46; and John 13:1 through 17:26.

This focus upon Jesus brings all to come to basic decisions of life about him. We believe that this is an important season for many to confess the name of Jesus as Lord and for many, many to reaffirm this allegiance of life in a transfer of church membership and a relationship with our congregation.

A special focusing of concern for decisions will be inherent in our 24 Hour Chain of Prayer from 6:00 P.M. on Friday, April 6 until 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 7. Call the church office to sign for a 30 minute block of time or sign up this Sunday morning. We need at least 48 persons to come and pray for people and life decisions in our Chapel on this day.

Sunday, April 8, is a Decision Sunday when we anticipate many making public commitment to Christ and the Church. We are concerned that people face the issues of life and Christ. To delay a decision becomes a negative decision over a period of time. We believe that people need to make a stand for Christ and his church. It is far more an opening of life to receive and be filled by God than any sense of loss.

Then Holy Week is full with our Seder Celebration leading into the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, our Community Good Friday, and many expectations for Easter Day. We have special services on Sunday evenings of Palm Sunday and Easter.

Then we move into an important weekend of our Adventure in Evangelism April 20 & 21. Register NOW please--24 have done so--We need 60 of our folk participating. Finally, we will end the month with a special Friendship Sunday when we will be bringing guests and visitors with us. Much happened on April Days in relation to our Lord years ago--We must much will be happening to us this year in relation to our Lord.

ARCH ADDITIONS:

Judith Ann Hoagland
Robert Warren Briggs

THANKS FOR THE GIVING:

Our Week of Compassion total is now \$794.18 and our Rice Bag total is \$841.38. Total \$1,635.56.

THANK YOU TO CHURCH:

"Thank you to Harold Cline and friends of First Christian Church for your many visits and prayers for my Grandmother, Mrs. Hill, while in the Home and Hospital.

God Bless all of you"

Susan Knuckles

(Tom and Susan are now at 1840 Pleasant Valley Rd. , Streetsboro, Ohio 44240)

PAPER SALE:

Our Chi Rho Fellowship will be selling their newspapers which they now have on hand this Saturday, March 31. Thermatron is again buying, although the price is still low. Any additional papers should be brought to the Church office before 9:00 A.M. on Saturday.

SERENDIPITY SEMINAR:

Are you interested in learning how to lead/participate in depth Bible Study and have fun at the same time? Lyman Coleman has developed new techniques which will be demonstrated and used in the Serendipity Seminars this spring. One such Seminar is in Indianapolis on Saturday, April 28, from 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. Any who have attended one of the Serendipity Workshops in past years will tell you that this is a day you'll never forget and one you will want to repeat. Rates this year are \$35.00 single registration, \$25.00 in groups of 4 or more, or \$20.00 in groups of 8 or more. We have already heard of 5 persons who are interested in going: Bob and Sharon Pauley, Andy Cook, Karen Flickinger, and Miriam Bixenman. The church will pay one half the fee from the

Leadership education budget, but we need your registration and your portion of the fee by April 8. Please contact Miriam Bixenman.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER,

APRIL 1 - 7, 1979:

Rose Jenkins (1) Reba Fusselman
Marshall Smith (2) (6)
Sylvia Engle (3) Scott Keebortz
Anna Chasar (3) (6)
Harley Morphew (4) Teresa Meadows (6)
Stella Houk (4) (6)
Sharon Pauley (5) Genevieve Ripple
Anne Shirley (5) (6)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER DURING APRIL:

Lee and Jackie Brummel

Lee is professor of Church History at Union Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Jackie uses her background of music in the church and community. They have two sons Christopher Lee and Theodore Joel. Their address is Camacua 282, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

FORMER MEMBER IN HOSPITAL:

Mac MacNamee, a former member, has been taken back to the V.A. Hospital in Indianapolis and is down to 70 pounds. Tilly is at 1200 Maple Ave., Apt. 119, Terre Haute, IN. 47804.

MARCH AVERAGES:

Worship	280
Ch. Sch.	128
Thr. Wk. Educ.	51
Giving	\$2,678.67

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH:

To John and Becky Glasgow, a daughter, Christie Sue on 3/25/79

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DECISION DAY --- PALM SUNDAY --- CROSS THEME

Our worship services at 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. this Sunday will open with the traditional Palm Sunday theme -- The sermon: "HE MEETS DEATH" based on Matthew 26:47-27:66; Mark 14:43-15:47; Luke 22:47-23:56; and John 18:1-19:42 continues the series on the narrative of Jesus as told by John -- Becky Stucky will be soloist for both worships and the Channel Choir is singing two anthems at the 10:45 service -- The invitation Sunday is an especially expectant time for responses to Christ.

We are encouraging persons to make a first time commitment to God in the receiving of Christ as Lord and Savior and others to identify with our congregation in transfer of membership. This is a day when the challenge is strong for us to take a definite stand for Christ and the Church. At this point we are aware of several decisions on both Palm Sunday and Easter and pray that many others will join in expressing personal commitment of life.

Our Church School classes for various ages and groups will meet as usual at the 9:30 A.M. hour.

At 7:00 P.M. is a special Palm Sunday evening worship including a songfest using our new hymnal and also a 30 minute movie, "JUST AS I". This film depicts the reconciliation found in Christ breaking down terrible walls of hate and bitterness. Sara Davis and Jerry Zimmerman will lead the 30 minute songfest. Come, pick, and sing favorites!

PRAY AND PARTICIPATE IN OUR PALM SUNDAY DECISION DAY

SERVING APRIL 8

8:15 A.M. Fred Smell and
Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and
Bert Leversee

DIACONATE GREETERS

8:15 A.M. P. Yentes-SW, D. Allen,
C. Hetrick, S. Thompson-NW

10:45 A.M. M. Finkhausen, S. Al-
len, J. Jump, M. Crouse, K. Taylor-
NW, S. Schell-SW, C. Cline-NE, B.
Hendricks-SE

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, G. Bruckman,
E. Allen, B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, B. Kerley, M. Calla-
han

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Glenn & Lola Miller

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. A. Lee

10:45 A.M. D. & S. Thompson, L.
Sauerwein & T. Smith

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW:

ICU - Mr. Gordon Howell (Open
heart surgery - 4/2)

ST. JOSEPH:

319 - Mrs. Deann Halbrook

408 - Mrs. Helen Reynolds

504 - Mrs. Irene Hamman

LUTHERAN:

768 - Mrs. Donna Johnson

477 - Mrs. Hazel Cleaver

V.A. HOSPITAL:

4E-785 - Mr. Paul Kenline

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH:

To Gary and Carolyn Falbe, a
son, Adam Michael, on 4/1/79.

YES GROUP--All You Singles!

The YES group will have a
pizza party this Friday the 6th
at 7:30 P.M.. We will be at the
Wileys, 1817 Buckskin. Call
Bruce Lehman for further details
- 625-4570.

GLOVE BOX MISSING---HELP!!!

The Youth Bell Choir would ap-
preciate any information concern-
ing the location of its glove
box. The box is a blue and
white Carlton Clasp envelope box
and contains several pairs of
white cotton gloves, some polish-
ing clothes, several marking
pens and pencils, and two short-
handled screwdrivers and one nut
wrench for adjustment of the
bell hammers. If you have any
information, call the church.

Dear Rev. Cline:

Mr. Glass and I wish to thank
you for your visits to the hospi-
tal and your prayers during his
illness. Also for the many beau-
tiful cards sent by members of
First Christian Church.

He is doing well and gaining
in strength each day.

Kind messages from our friends
really help a lot.

Sincerely,
Dither S. Glass

HOME WEDDING BY PASTOR:

Michael O. Novachcoff and Mary
Lydia Payne on 3/31/79. They
are residing at 1138 W. Packard-
07; 456-4767.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP EXPERIENCES

C.W.F. SACRIFICIAL LUNCHEON FOR ALL WOMEN

Tuesday, 11:30 A.M., April 10 - Theme: "FREE TO BELIEVE THE EASTER EXPERIENCE". Child care provided. This will be a worship highlight and also election officers for the new year. Call the church office and give reservations if you plan to attend the luncheon.

NORTH CHRISTIAN PREACHING SERVICES

Our sister congregation, North Christian is having three nights of preaching - Sunday at 7:30 P.M. with Dr. John Compton, our Regional Minister; Monday at 7:30 P.M. with Rev. Don McCord of West Creighton Christian; and Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. with Dr. Cline of our congregation.

SEDER CELEBRATION & MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION

7:30 P.M., Thursday, April 12 -- We will have a demonstration Seder celebration followed by a special observance of the Lord's Supper as instituted by our Lord. We believe that this is one of the meaningful worship highlights of the church year and should bring forth the response of virtually every member.

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

Our congregation joins others in south Fort Wayne for Good Friday worship from 12:00 to 3:00 P.M. at Calvary United Presbyterian Church at the corner of Capitol and South Anthony. The Seven Sayings of the Cross will be given in 25 minute intervals. The introduction is at 12:00 the first word at 12:10 and each 25 minutes hereafter. You may share one or more of the words. First Christian will lead the final saying from 2:35 until 3:00 P.M..

EASTER SUNDAY AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

7:00 A.M. - Continental Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

8:15 A.M. - Worship - C.Y.F. youth and Choir giving special leadership - Sermon: "HE IS RISEN"

9:30 A.M. - Church School

10:45 A.M. - Worship - All Choirs singing - Sermon: "HE IS RISEN"

7:00 P.M. - Feature Film - "THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION"

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYERS, APRIL 8 - 14, 1979:

in Sands (9)

Bud O'Laughlin (13)

thel Flowers (10)

Phyllis Tobias (13)

etty Grimm (10)

John Merrill, Jr. (13)

as. Ludwig (10)

Fern Strole (14)

im Heavin (13)

Golden Rose (14)

VERSEAS STAFF FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER DURING APRIL:

Lee and Jackie Brummel

APPLYING THE EPHESIAN LETTER - POWER AND LIGHT PROGRAM

We are now enlisting registrations for this 5 week course based on the letter to the Ephesian Churches and its account of how the early Church came by her victorious spirit. Each session is launched by a presentation or dramatization plus questions. Groups are to meet in homes for 5 Wednesday evenings, April 26 - May 24, 7:30 - 9:30 P.M. for discussion, sharing, experimenting, and exploring. We will be using the Ephesian Letter, plus printed resources and tapes prepared by John Carr of Emory University. Cost is \$2.00 per person. Registrations are needed immediately. Judy Church is leading one group--Other groups will be scheduled if there is sufficient registrations.

MAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

The annual May Fellowship Luncheon sponsored by Church Women United, will be held on Friday, May 4, at 12:00 noon at St. John's United Church of Christ, 219 W. Washington Blvd. Theme for the luncheon is "Our Children - Our Promise" with the speaker being Patricia Martone, Director of the Title I program for the Fort Wayne Public Schools. There will be special music by Ft. Wayne Chr. Sch., and soloist, Mary Wright. Cost for the luncheon, a salad smorgasbord, is \$2.75. A nursery for pre school children, but not lunch for them, will be provided. Make your reservation with Laura York or the church office by April 27.

CHI RHO:

Chi Rho will meet this Sunday at 6:00 P.M.. Theme of the meeting will be "Whom Do You Trust?". Our "Bring a Friend to Chi Rho" night will be rescheduled at a later date.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

5:00 P.M. Bell Choir

6:00 P.M. Chi Rho

6:00 P.M. C.Y.F.

6:00 P.M. Inquirer's Class

7:00 P.M. Songfest & film

MONDAY, APRIL 9

9:30 A.M. Fellowship Guild

Ethel Shroyer - 4821 Tacoma Ave.

7:00 P.M. Caller Visiting

7:30 P.M. Martha Group - Barb Short - 3714 S. Monroe

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

11:30 A.M. Sacrificial Luncheon

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

9:30 A.M. Esther Group - Betty Grimm - 1320 W. Sherwood

12:00 Mary Group - Florence Huddleston - 2718 Capitol

7:30 P.M. Board Meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

9:30 A.M. Rachel Group

9:30 A.M. Heart of the Bible

7:30 P.M. Seder Celebration

8:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

12:00 to 3:00 P.M. Community Good Friday Worship at Calvary United Presbyterian Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

4:00 P.M. C.Y.F. Choir Practice

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E_A_S_T_E_R --- A _N_E_W_ _D_A_Y

Easter was and is the new day for humans. Easter is God's proclamation that there is nothing which can separate us from his love. Death which is a part of every life is not the end of God's redeeming love.

Jesus' life, death and resurrection is the complete statement of the new day. Easter makes us take seriously how profoundly God participates in our lives. It calls for the acknowledgement we are what we are in God's love.

God's love has done something with us; it has introduced us to new life. Every morning we receive the grace of God, this is the evidence of the new day.

Easter makes us take death seriously. We now see death, because Easter, as the last experience of this life, but not the last experience of a life that is eternal because of God's loving grace.

Easter is the announcement to the galaxies God has acted, consistent with all that has been done before, but in a new and decisive way, that a new day is born, demanding our loving and faithful response.

Richard L. Cookson - P. 58 in
ALIVE NOW, (March/April, 1977)

CELEBRATE THE NEW DAY AMONG OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH
ON RESURRECTION SUNDAY -- APRIL 15

- 00 A.M. - CONTINENTAL EASTER BREAKFAST IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
Call the Church office if you did not sign up last Sunday! All
are invited! Juice, Rolls, Coffee, Tea, Milk, Hot Chocolate and
Fellowship!
- 15 A.M. - EARLY EASTER WORSHIP
C.Y.F. Youth assisting with service and providing a Brass Ensemble
and Choral Anthem - Youth Bell Choir playing - Sermon: "HE IS

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SERVING APRIL 15

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and
Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Barbara Short and
Mark Snyder

DIACONATE GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz, D. Church-
SW, E. Brown, A. Lee-NW

10:45 A.M. R. Krull-NW, G. Davis-
SE, L. York, G. Falbe, R. Johnson,
R. Baugher, E. Conrad

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
H. Stevenson, D. Rogers, S. Grimm

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, D. Rogers, S. Grimm

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. M. Love - L. York;
W. Franklin - M. Akers; Jt.
Weicker - S. Allen

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Delores Keebortz

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. W. Smith

10:45 A.M. K. Byers & D. Ketner

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Bill & Margaret Love

Bill & Ginny Johnson

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. D. & B. Johnson

10:45 A.M. L. Wiley, S. Melchi,
D. & M. Brian

IN HOSPITALS:

LUTHERAN:

789 - Mrs. Ruth Stucky

ST. JOSEPH:

208 - Mrs. Blanche Tucker

PARKVIEW:

318 - Mr. Gordon Howell

V.A. HOSPITAL:

4E,785 - Mr. Paul Kenline

OUT OF TOWN FORMER MEMBER:

Mac McNamee--Room 513 Veteran's
Hospital, 1481 W. 10th St., Indiana-
polis, IN. 46202

RESPONSES TO INVITATION:

We rejoiced that four identi-
fied with us in our community
of faith on Sunday and we an-
ticipate at least nine transfers
or confessions and baptisms this
coming Sunday.

Bill Wyant and Nancy Klail,
502 Corwin Lane, -16; 456-7995
came in renewal of life in
transfers. Bill came from St.
Ita's Catholic Church of Chicago
and Nancy from First Presbyter-
ian Church of Lagrange, Ill.
Bill sells for Ohio Medical Pro-
ducts and is president of the
Astronomy Club and has interests
in music, oil painting, and an-
tique refinishing. Nancy likes
oil painting, crafts, cooking,
and sewing. They have been ac-
tive in our recent Inquirers
Class.

Mike and Shirley Callahan,
3640 Elmhurst, -09, 747-7225
came in transfer from Westminis-
ter Presbyterian Church. Mike
has an Associates degree from
International Business College
and is an accountant. Shirley
is in the home with Megan who
will be 2 in July. They are ex-
pecting another child in May.
Mike has been ushering since
last summer and Shirley has re-
cently joined our Chancel Choir.
They were in the fall series of
the Inquirers Class.

In a special baptismal service
shared with their daughters and
families last Sunday afternoon,
Ennis and Gini Brown expressed a
new sense of relationship with
Christ in the act of baptism by
immersion. We rejoice in their
pilgrimage and this expression
so meaningful to them.

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RISEN!" Matthew 28:1-20; Mark 16:1-20; Luke 24:1-53; John 20:1-21:25 - Easter Communion

30 A.M. - EASTER SUNDAY IN CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES
Study and Relationship in groupings for all persons! Come!

0:45 A.M. - SECOND EASTER MORNING WORSHIP
Music includes Children's Choir, Youth Bell Choir, and Chancel Choir plus a Brass Trio. -- Sermon completes series from perspective of John: "HE IS RISEN" -- Baptisms and Communion will be included in our Easter Celebration

00 P.M. - EASTER AFTERGLOW WORSHIP
Opening and Closing Singing -- 60 Minute Color Movie: "THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION". This portrayal of the passion, death, and resurrection gives the transformation of Peter from a boastful coward who denies his Master to Peter, the "rock". Richard Kelly, Broadway actor, stars as Peter in this drama written by Henry Denker for national television. Child care provided.

PREPARATION WORSHIPS POINTING TOWARDS EASTER

30 P.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 12 -- SEDER CELEBRATION & COMMUNION
We will portray the Passover celebration of the Jewish community as a prelude for our special Maundy Thursday Communion Celebration. This refocuses for us the institution of this meal by our Lord. Celebrate the parallels of God's mighty act of deliverance from Egypt with the action of God in Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. Child care provided.

2:00 to 3:00 P.M., FRIDAY, APRIL 13 -- COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP
At Calvary Presbyterian Church at the Corner of South Anthony and Capitol. Join for one or more of the 25 minute segments focusing the Seven Sayings from the Cross -- Dr. Cline and our Chancel Choir are leading from 2:35 P.M. until 3:00 P.M.

IMPORTANT COMING WEEKENDS

April 20-22: ADVENTURE IN EVANGELISM -- Friday Night and Saturday in Motivating and Equipping -- Sunday Challenge for Congregation

April 29: FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY -- Invite and bring guests and visitors to Church School and Worship Hours

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Becca Olson and family in the tragic accidental death of her cousin's five year old child.

To Delores Keebortz and her family on the death of a nephew in Kentucky.

THANKS:

I wish to thank Rev. Cline and Miriam Bixenman for their visitations during my stay in the hospital. Also thanks to all who sent cards.

Mrs. Ralph (Helen) Reynolds

CALLED AS PASTOR & ORDINATION:

The Ordination service for Ron Connerly will be at 10:45 A.M. on Sunday, June 10, during our normal worship hour. He has been called to become pastor of the Barbarton Christian Church in Barbarton, Ohio beginning in the middle of June. The Ordination will be jointly sponsored by our congregation and the Christian Church in Ohio (Disciples of Christ).

CLOTHING DRIVE:

This month is the time for Church World Service Clothing. Good used clothing of winter or summer weight for men, women, and children is needed and also blankets or \$4 to purchase blankets. A Receiving Box is in Fellowship Hall marked Church World Service. Donations are needed by Wednesday, April 25. Help is needed on the 27th to pack and take to Lincolnshire.

HOUSING NEEDED:

Our first summer intern begins on April 30. Board and Room \$40 per week is needed for Laura and Gary. Contact Dr. Cline.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYERS,

APRIL 15 - 21, 1979:

Janie Taulbee (15)	Cecile Che-
Ruth Vost (15)	valier (20)
Mildred Marshall (16)	Arlene Downe
Diane Freimuth (16)	(20)
Lillian Busse (17)	Robby Pauley
Nick Keirn (17)	(20)
Edward Wooldridge (17)	Myrna Stei-
Opal Heller (18)	gerwald (2
Jim M. Hirschy (19)	Julia Hendrick
Iva Imbody (19)	(21)
David Moody (19)	Gail Roe (21)
Cindy Ventes (19)	Karen Zimmerman
	(21)
	Opal Carper (21)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER DURING APRIL:

Lee and Jackie Brummel

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

7:00 P.M. Men's Breakfast

MONDAY, APRIL 16

10:00 A.M. Study Group

7:00 P.M. Caller Visiting

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group - Atz's

1:15 P.M. Relating to Spr. Wld.

7:30 P.M. Deborah Group - Edna

Nordblom - 5319 Fairfield

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

7:30 P.M. Inv. to Adventure

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

6:00 P.M. South West Senior

Potluck at Achduth Vesholm Congregation's Fellowship Hall - 5200 Old Mill Rd.

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

7:30 P.M. Lay Personnel Com.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

7:00 - 9:30 P.M. Adventures in Evangelism

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

9:00 - 5:00 P.M. Adventures in Evangelism

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CHURCH CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

8:00 - 9:00 P.M. Adventures in
Evangelism

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

7:15 P.M. Bell Choir leave park-
ing lot for Mass Bell Concert Re-
hearsal

8:45 P.M. Chi Rho

8:00 P.M. Mass Bell Concert at
Concordia Lutheran High School

9:00 P.M. C.Y.F.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

9:00 P.M. Caller Visiting

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

8:30 P.M. Worship & Past. Rel.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

Headline for Church World Service
Nothing

MONDAY, APRIL 26

8:50 P.M. Ecumenical Practice

COUNTRY: POWDER MILK, SOUP, TUNA,
MEAT, HAMBURGER

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY--APRIL 29
Each person is encouraged to in-
vite and bring a guest or visi-
tor on this Sunday. Enlist one
or more guests to share Church
School & Worship with you on
April 29th.

ADVENTURE IN EVANGELISM

From 7:00 to 9:30 P.M. on Friday
night and 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M.
on Saturday, we are holding a spe-
cial motivational and equipping
experience. Rev. Morris Finch of
our Christian Church in Indiana is
coordinator for the event and the
team will include Martin and Retta
Hurst from South Side Christian
in Kokomo and Joan Bobbitt and
Wanda Strauch from the Hazelwood
Christian Church in Muncie.

In addition to our people guests
will be coming from Saturn, Hunt-
ington, and Salem. This is open
for any member and friend--every
elder and diaconate member is es-
pecially needed to participate.

This program is to sharpen
awareness and skills in a broader
area than some would call "evan-
gelism" or simply "calling". Join
with others of our congregation
for the weekend of growth.

The climaxing event of the week-
end will be our Sunday morning
worships. Dr. Cline will preach
on "I GIVE YOU WHAT I HAVE" based
on Acts 3:1-4:35.

BE PONDERING--"THE PRIMARY REA-
SON OF HUMAN EXISTENCE IS TO HELP
EVERY HUMAN BEING BECOME AWARE OF
GOD'S LOVE."

SERVING APRIL 22

8:15 A.M. William Franklin and
George Bruckman

10:45 A.M. Robert Orr and
Judy Church

DIACONATE GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Place, E. Place,
B. Pauley-SW, J. Young-NW

10:45 A.M. P. Mullen, E. Conrad,
R. Baugher, S. Hayes, B. Mettler-
SW, M. Akers-NW, W. Bowen-SE, C.
Crowe

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
D. Dickey, R. Johnson

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, R. Hunt, B. Grimm

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Delores Keebortz

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. W. Smith

10:45 A.M. K. Byers & D. Ketner

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Eileen Klepfer & Marilyn Byers

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. N. Schilling

10:45 A.M. B. Stucky, P. Akers,
D. Ketner

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

M-207 - Mr. Roger Hendrickson

473 - Mrs. Ethel King

M-117 - Gary York

ST. JOSEPH:

208 - Mrs. Blanche Tucker

VETERANS HOSPITAL:

4E,785 - Mr. Paul Kenline

CHI RHO--6th-8th GRADERS:

Meet at the Church Parking Lot at
3:45 P.M. to go bowling at Hill-
crest Lanes. You will need 80¢ per
game & 35¢ for shoe rental.

MOVED TO HEALTH CENTER:

Mrs. Hazel Cleaver, the sister
of Gladys Hoop, has been moved
to Room 301 of the Fairfield
Health Center. Mrs. Sarah
Likens has left the Fairfield
Center and returned with her
daughter, Juanita Dusing at 1017
Scott.

EASTER OUTREACH OFFERING:

\$776.46 has been received to
date for this extra giving for
others. In spite of the attend-
ance of 492 our budget giving
for Easter Sunday was \$526 below
Budget needs. We challenge all
to be regular and generous in
weekly giving. Bring Easter
gifts for both budget and
the special offering this Sunday.

THANKS FOR CELEBRATION!

I want to thank our choir and
instrumentalists for their music
and especially on Good Friday
and Easter morning! Thanks to
those who provided the Easter
Breakfast and Easter Lillies!
Thanks to the participants in
leading the Seder Celebration!
Thanks to all who participated
and made this a highlight season
in the life of our congregation!
Many excellent comments have
come from various sources about
what has been happening at First
Christian Church.

I would apologize for the P.A.
not being set right and thus
not amplifying Sunday morning
especially when it was needed
with my bad case of laryngitis.

Harold E. Cline

5 EASTER DECISIONS:

We rejoiced in the 5 who identified with our congregation from former congregational associations and the 8 confessions of first time allegiance to Christ as Lord and Savior.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gene Boerth, and sons, Phil and Kevin, 508 Kingsway, -09, 747-2039, came solidly as a family unit. Ruth Ann came in a transfer from the First Nazarene Church on Fairfield. Gene and the sons came on confession of faith. Gene is a salesman for Allen Dental Lab. Ruth Ann is finishing work at IU-1-FW. Phill is a sophomore at Wayne High School & is a cross country and track runner. Kevin is an eighth grader at Miami and is also involved now in track.

Mr. & Mrs. John Glasgow, 4319 Arlington, -07, 745-9986, identified with us from their former commitment to Christ within Westminster Presbyterian Church of the city. John and Becky are graduates of Northrup and Snider respectively and are both employed by Gield Construction-- he is fencing and she in the office. They have two daughters, Sarah who is 2 and Christie Sue who is three weeks old on Sunday.

Mrs. Gladys Harshbarger, and her daughter, Lelia McBride, 2535 Sherman, -08, 483-2392 came to receive Christ at the center of their lives as Lord and Savior. Gladys is in the home with Charles who is retired from G.E. and they were married at our church in the 1960's. Lelia has a son Todd Allen, who is in Kin-

dergarten this year. She is employed at Siefert's Potato Chip Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jackson, 7307 Baer Road, -09, identified in our community of faith from a former association in the Church of Christ at New Haven. Richard is in the K-Mart Distribution Center and Lea works at Napa in the office in Industrial Park. They have two sons, Chris a second grader and Brent in Nursery School. Lea is the daughter of Ennis and Gini Brown of our congregation.

Dawn Ketner, the daughter of Harold and Ramona Ketner, 5232 Sherrill Drive, 06, 447-2629, made her confession of faith and expressed union of life with Christ in Christian Baptism. She is a sixth grader Village Woods Elementary and has been active in Chi Rho, the Bell choir, and the Children's Choir.

Mr. and Mrs. Chip Olson, 1009 Illsley, -07, 744-1859, identified in transfers. Chip from the Orchard Park Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis and Becca from Central Christian in Terre Haute. Chip is employed at Industrial Truck Parts and is a graduate of Wabash. Becca is studying for realtor examination and is a graduate of Depauw. They have recently become co-counselors of our C.Y.F. and helped with the youth participation in the early Easter worship.

Melissa Orr, daughter of Bob and Loretta Orr, 4528 Weather-side Run, 04, 432-8405, made her confession of faith and was baptized into Christ on Sunday morn-

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ing. Melissa is a sixth grader in SW Allen Co. and is active in our Chi Rho.

Tony York, the son of Tom and Laura York, 6008 Arlene, 16; 447-1284 made his confession of allegiance to Christ on Sunday. Tony is a seventh grader at Village Woods and has been active in Chi Rho and Bell Choir. On Maundy Thursday, he was the child asking the basic questions of the Pass-over Celebration.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYERS,

APRIL 22 28, 1979:

Laura Marks (22) Ruby Cline (27)
Sheryl Melchi (22) Helen Reynolds
Dean Howard (22) (27)
Joseph Snouffer (22)
Pat Stucker (23) Jessie Fern Wood-
Geneva Ferguson (25) ward (28)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER DURING APRIL:

Lee and Jackie Brummel

DMA, TUESDAY, APRIL 24:

Our DMA group will meet at the church for a potluck noon meal this Tuesday, April 24, at 12:00 noon. We will have a sharing time (please, each one bring a favorite poem or story that can be shared in 3 minutes or less) followed by table games, complete with prizes. Bring a covered dish for the meal, your own table service, and your poem or story for sharing and come, join the fun and fellowship. Roland and Genevieve Ripple and Maude Donahue are serving as hosts.

MAY AND JUNE HIGHLIGHTS:

MAY 6 - HYMNAL DEDICATION

During both worship hours on May 6, we will participate in a special musical service and dedication of our new hymnals.

MAY 13 - INFANT PRESENTATION

Our semi-annual thanksgiving for childbirth and dedication of parents with young children will be held during our 10:45 A.M. worship.

MAY 20 - OUTREACH CELEBRATION

Spencer and Kathleen Bailey Austin will be sharing informally with us on Saturday evening, leading both hours of worship on Sunday in an African Centennial Celebration, and leading children, youth, and adults during Church School.

JUNE 3 - PENTECOST SUNDAY

Our celebration of Pentecost during worship will be heightened by our semi-annual congregational dinner and program at 12:15 P.M.. This will be bacalaureate Sunday for our graduating high school seniors.

JUNE 10 - ORDINATION SERVICE

Ronald Connerly will be ordained to the professional Christian Ministry during our worship at 10:45 A.M.

JUNE 19 - JARVIS COLLEGE CHOIR

At 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday we will host this 27 member choir from Jarvis Christian College, Texas.

SERENDIPITY WORKSHOP:

Those who will be attending the Serendipity Workshop in Indianapolis on Saturday, April 28 are: Andrew Cook, Bob Pauley, Sharon Pauley, Opal Carper, Karen Flickinger, Susie Watson, Bruce Lehman, and Miriam Bixenman.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
30 A.M. Church School
00 P.M. Chi Rho
00 P.M. Bell Choir
00 P.M. C.Y.F.
30 P.M. Ecumenical Choral Festival - New Haven United Methodist

MONDAY, APRIL 30

10:00 A.M. Study Group
00 P.M. Caller Visiting

TUESDAY, MAY 1

00 A.M. Ruth Group - Dorothy
een - 11625 Buskirk Rd.

30 P.M. Board of Elders

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

00 A.M. Dorcus Group - Grace
uby - 440 Englewood Ct.

30 A.M. Esther Group - Rychie
ell - 4126 Roxton Lane

30 P.M. Chancel Choir

COUNTRY: P-NUT BUTTER, SOUP, POW-
ER MILK, CEREAL, TUNA

1979 ECUMENICAL CHOIR FESTIVAL

Our Chancel Choir will join
seven other choirs as 160
voices will sing forth at 7:30
P.M. this Sunday evening at
New Haven United Methodist
Church.

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY

Sunday is THE DAY to invite and bring friends, neighbors, co-workers, and others into the worship hours or Church School Classes at First Christian Church. This is a task for each and every one of us. Invite and bring others.

If you cannot think of any new persons, make arrangements and bring someone who has been absent for a period of time.

The point is to REACH OUT in love and caring to have others join you for the experience of study and worship within our community of faith.

Music expectations for Sunday include Easter music, a trio of Judy Hoagland, Becky Stucky, and Ginny Johnson plus the Chancel Choir at 10:45 A.M.

We have scheduled 7 baptisms for our worship hour at 10:45 and so adjustments will be made in the service for this witness of union of life with Christ.

The sermon is "ALL THE WORDS OF THIS LIFE" based on Acts 5:20.

SERVING APRIL 29

8:15 A.M. Robert Johnson and
Janet Weicker

10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and
Barbara Short

DIACONATE GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Busse-NW, J. Young,
P. Yentes, D. Keebortz-SW

10:45 A.M. M. Finkhausen-NW, S.
Allen-SW, J. Jump-NE, M. Crouse-SE,
K. Taylor, S. Schell, A. Benny, B.
Hendricks

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
B. DeVinney, R. Thompson

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
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IN HOSPITALS:

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M209 - Mr. Rodger Hendrickson

V.A. HOSPITAL:

4E, 798 - Mr. Paul Kenline

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Rolland Ripple and Gwynth Rice
and families in the death of their
brother, Veron Ripple, last Friday
night in Detroit.

PARTICIPATING IN ADVENTURE IN
EVANGELISM:

Guest leaders: Morris Finch,
Wanda Strauch, Joan Bobbitt;
Guests--2 from Salem; 2 from
Huntington; 5 from Saturn; 1
from Waynedale U. Methodist;
From First Christian Church:
William Caldwell, Andy Cook,
Judy Church, Dean & Elsie Widler,
Marge Lehman, Laura York, Ramona
Ketner, Marilyn Byers, Edna
Vaught, Andrea Benny, Pauline
Horn, Mildred Hartman, Sharon
Pauley, Rose Jenkins, Susie Wat-
son, Ron & Karen Flickinger,
Joyce Crowe, Eunice Conrad, Opal
Carper, Bruce Lehman, Tom & Nan-
cy Harter, Ben Taylor, Pat Mul-
len, Peg Buskirk, Miriam Bixen-
man, Harold Cline.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER,

APRIL 29 - MAY 5, 1979:

Mildred Hutchinson (30)

Paul Yentes (1) Thomas Foun-

Gini Brown (2) tain (5)

Mabel Cross (2) Edna Johnson

Alyce Fuchshuber (2) (5)

Mike Byers (2)

Inez Petty (3) Lea Jackson

Arza Smith (4) (5)

Helen Steigerwald (4)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR INTERCESSORY
PRAYER DURING APRIL:

Lee and Jackie Brummel

TO REGIONAL C.Y.F. EVENT:

Carol Cline, Anne Lee, Kathy
Lee, and Gary York are in Frank-
lin this weekend for the C.Y.F.
Regional Event.

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE CHURCH BOARD ON APRIL 11, 1979

Since the meeting of March lacked a quorum, the following items from that night were approved, namely:

1. The resignation of Steve and Tana Harter because of assuming the pastorate at Saturn was accepted with deep regret.
2. Nominations were approved as follows: Mildred Hartman as chairman of elders; Robert Orr as elder until June 30, 1980; Clint Crowe as deacon until June 30, 1980; Richard Johnson as deacon until June 30, 1982.
3. Acceptance of the February treasurer's report and monthly People report.

The March treasurer's report showed a depletion of the operating fund which started 1979 with such a strong giving on the first Sunday of the year. We have had a heavy barrage of bills and the local program ended March \$67.28 in the red. The report indicated a Mini-Bus Fund balance of \$30 and a Pantry Fund balance of \$262 and the storm window debt down to \$4,575.44. These special funds are open for designated gifts at any time.

The Quarterly Memorial Funds report showed the payment for the hymnals and memorial income for Charles Fuchshuber, Paul Truby, Irene Cline, and Jennie Hill.

The People Report reflected six new members and much activity in births, address changes and new friends of the congregation.

The World Outreach recommended that \$225 from the defunct Inter Religious Action Council and Radio Broadcast Budget be set aside at a rate of \$25 per month for the new South West Senior Center. A Kick Off Dinner was held at 6:00 P.M. Thursday, April 19 at the Achduth Vesholm Congregation. A noon Nutritional Site opens for weekdays on Monday, April 23 at the Grace United Church of Christ at Webster and Lexington. The meals there is for persons 60 or over on a donation basis but with programming from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.. Reservations are made by calling 23-1523 at least 24 hours in advance.

The resignation letter of Carl & Beth Schwartz because of their move to Columbus, Georgia was accepted with regret.

Bill and Ginny Johnson and Chip and Becca Olson were officially approved as counselors for C.Y.F. on recommendation of the Education Committee.

Major attention was given to a discussion of goaling past and future. Major support was given towards the purchase of a Mini-Bus, the idea of a retreat center was felt not a priority item, and some felt there needed to be a people goal of evangelism united with shepherding.

The next meeting is Tuesday, May 8, 1979.

Dear First Christian Church,

Thank you for the series of sermons using John as the speaker. They were interesting, informative and thought provoking.

Thank you for Palm Sunday evening worship. It was fun. (I hope it was fun for those sitting next to me considering my voice) It also gave me an opportunity to bring a guest to something not quite so structured as a morning service.

Thank you for the Maundy Thursday service. It was historically interesting. Taking communion in this different way was very meaningful and moving.

Thank you for the Good Friday Services. It is enjoyable to share in a community service and observe what others are doing and thinking.

Thank you for Easter Sunday first service. Especially for the part that the youth did. The very first part of the service was electrifying. Their music throughout the service was beautiful.

Thank you for Easter Sunday second service. The music was so uplifting. And what a joy to participate in a service where others come to Christ and the church in a public confession.

Thank you for Easter afterglow service. The movie was an excellent lesson in faith and courage.

Thank you for trying to make Easter week inspiring, fun, thought provoking, and interesting. YOU SURE DID SUCCEED!

Love,
Susie Watson

THANK YOU:

Deep appreciation to all of those who washed curtains and drapes. Everything looks fresh and clean. Thanks to: Barb Johnson, Miriam Bixenman, Peggy Burskirk, Lois Finkhousen, Margaret Love, Nila Schilling, Ramona Ketner, Sandy Zimmerman, Pat Mullen, Sue Allen, Beverly Hendricks, and Delores Keibortz.

C.W.F. MAY BREAKFAST:

C.W.F. annual May Breakfast will be held May 5th, Saturday, 9:30. Miss Mildred Hartman will be giving a presentation on her recent impression of Israel. There will also be the presentation of C.W.F. officers for next year. Child care

provided. Please give the reservations, as soon as possible, to the church office.

AGE GROUPINGS FOR CHILDREN SECOND HOUR:

Arrangements for child care during second hour worship are as follows: Children who were under 2 last Oct. 1 - Crib Room. (236); Children who were 2 by last Oct. 1 - Nursery II (235). The above two groupings go directly to the designated rooms. Those who were at least 3 by last Oct. 1 come into the sanctuary with their parents until after the sermonette. Then they are taken by adults for a learning program.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 6

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
1:00 P.M. Chi Rho
2:00 P.M. Bell Choir
3:00 P.M. C.Y.F.
4:00 P.M. Adv. in Evangelism
5:00 P.M. Follow-up

MONDAY, MAY 7

7:00 P.M. Caller Visiting

TUESDAY, MAY 8

7:30 A.M. Rebecca Group - Chancel
9:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

7:00 P.M. Mary Group - Florence
9:30 P.M. Palmer - 2625 N. Wells

THURSDAY, MAY 10

7:30 A.M. Rachel Group
9:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, MAY 11

7:30 P.M. Educational Observance
at Church School

SATURDAY, MAY 12

7:00 A.M. Harmony Class meeting
at Parking Lot to go to Barbee
9:30 A.M. Educational Observance
at Church School
7:00 P.M. Children's Choir

COUNTRY:

COATS, POWDER MILK, CAN FRUIT,
CORN, BLO, SOUP, TREET OR SPAM

HYMNAL DEDICATION --

A GREAT DAY OF SINGING

Both Worship Hours Sunday will focus on music in worship as we come together to dedicate our new hymnals as aids in expressing and growing in harmony with God through worship. HYMNS FOR THE LIVING CHURCH was chosen because of the singable quality of the music including traditional, gospel, and contemporary songs, and good indexing including Scriptural references for each song.

Our Chancel Choir and Chi Rho Singers will be leading during both hours. Sara Davis and Jerry Zimmerman have given much leadership to the planning of this service along with Dr. Cline. The service will demonstrate the variety of music and calls for much congregational singing along with hymn anthems shared by the choirs. We will have a formal litany of dedication and dedicatory prayer of our hymnals.

The hymnals were purchased through special gifts and especially highlighted by two major designated gifts. Our former, hymnals, CHRISTIAN WORSHIP--A HYMNAL

(continued on page 3)

SERVING MAY 6

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and
Merle Grimm

10:45 A.M. William Love and
Bert Leversee

DIACONATE GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Allen, C. Hetrick-NW
S. Thompson-SW, D. Church

10:45 A.M. A. Benny, R. Krull, G.
Davis, E. Conrad, L. York-SW, G.

Falbe-NW, R. Johnson, K. Lee

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
T. Sauerwein, S. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, G. Shirley, M. Tobias

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Pat Mullen - Kathy Lee

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Marge Lehman & Sherri Melchi

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Hiatt

10:45 A.M. J. & P. Bickel, B. S.
Johnson

IN HOSPITALS

V.A. HOSPITAL:

4E, 798 - Mr. Paul Kenline

LUTHERAN HOME HOSPITAL UNIT:

628 - Mrs. Elna Taylor

EASTER OFFERING:

\$863.46 has been received to
date--Would you make a gift so that
we could reach \$900?

YES GROUP:

The YES Group invites all College
and Career people to attend our
planning of summer activities.
This meeting will be located in
Fellowship Hall at 5:00 Sunday, May
6. Come and offer your helpful
suggestions.

CHI RHO:

Chi Rho Fellowship will meet
at 3:00 this Sunday on the
Church Parking lot. They will
leave from there for their Bike
Hike, postponed in early April
because of weather. They will
return to the church at 4:30 for
refreshments.

NEED HELP? CALL A SLAVE!

This Saturday, May 5, Chi Rho
members are offering their ser-
vices (for a donation) as slaves
to help with yard work, house-
work, or anything you need done.
Call Sylvia Smith (745-4576).

CAMP OUT MEETING:

Those interested in the all
church family camp outs this
summer are asked to meet in the
Conference Room this Thursday,
May 10, at 7:00 P.M.. This will
be a meeting to plan dates, lo-
cations, and assign responsibil-
ities.

CALL FOR RAGS!

C.Y.F. will soon be having a
car wash and they need rags, old
towels, etc.. A box will be
placed in Fellowship Hall for
these items.

THANK YOU:

*Special thanks to Dr. Cline
and Miriam Bixenman for their
visits to the hospital. Also
thanks for the prayers and cards.
Ethel King and Family*

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL --

June 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21 -
9:30 to 11:30 A.M. daily.

Hymnal Dedication cont. from p.1)
AL, are available for home use
at \$1.00 for those in better
condition and \$.50 for those worn
more extensively. They will be
available both in Fellowship Hall
and in the Church office begin-
ning this Sunday.

A significant number of hymnals
are in memory of Leroy Timbrook
from a will bequest and in memory
of Alfred Schell from designation
of memorial gifts.

Other books were given in mem-
ory of the following: Anna Hir-
ry, Abbie Shockney, Claire Schry-
er, Hildred Favory, Walter Kee-
rtz, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Sargent,
Mr. & Mrs. Roy E. Johnson, Mr. &
Mrs. Frank Crossett, Mr. & Mrs.
Samon B. Hendricks, Mabel E.
Lung, Walter C. Birkhold, Mr. &
Mrs. Edward Hackbarth, R. Earl
Immerman, Earl Welter, Earl Wal-
lace, Leslie Futterer, Ruby &
Earl Brown, Fred C. Smith, Mrs.
Helen Lowman, Mrs. Edith Siples,
Mr. & Mrs. Harry E. Dawson, Carl
Cline, Charles E. Fuchshuber,
Mrs. Leah M. Hayes, Lawrence A.
Arn, Sr. Ollie Wiley, Mrs. Pau-
line Speicher, Miss Fay Woodhull,
Mrs. Elaine Conrad, Mrs. Minnie
Urfee, Mrs. Pearl Koegel, Mr.
Walter J. Marks.

Hymnals were given in honor of
the following persons: Mr. &
Mrs. Edgar Guild, Rev. & Mrs.
Harold E. Cline, Andrew C. Cook,
Mr. & Mrs. George Bruckman,
Margaret S. Love, William R. Love,
Margaret Love Erickson, Barbara
Love Mettler.

Donors of books to the church
included: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph P.
Fox and August Mueller.

WEEKEND OF MISSION:

On the strong recommendation of
Ed and Sue Allen and Robert and
Ruth Ogles, we are hosting Spencer
and Kathleen Austin on May 19 and
20. This outstanding couple have
much to share out of a lifetime of
dedicated leadership and involve-
ment enriched by recent world trips.

7:00 P.M., Saturday Evening Des-
sert--For all Board of Elders and
mates; All Board of Trustees and
mates; Stewardship and Outreach
Committee members and mates. In-
formal acquaintance with Austins,
questions and illustrations.

8:15 and 10:45 A.M. -- Fun Wor-
ship presentation -- "AFRICAN CEN-
TENNIAL -- A SUCCESS STORY" led by
them as a team.

9:30 A.M. -- Kindergarten through
Chi Rho in Conference Room with
Mrs. Austin "SHOW AND FEEL -- ARTI-
FACTS OF WORLD MISSION"

High School and all Adults in
Fellowship Hall with Spencer Austin
"HOW THE GOSPEL GETS COMMUNICATED
IN AN ALIEN CULTURE"

11:45 A.M. -- Informal Reception
with Austins in Fellowship Hall.

COMING DURING JUNE:

JUNE 3- Pentecost Celebration dur-
ing Worship Hours -- Pentecost Con-
gregational Dinner at 12:15 P.M. --
Program -- Election of congrega-
tional leadership -- Honoring of
new members in last year -- Gradu-
ating High School Seniors Bacca-
laureate at 10:45 A.M.

JUNE 10 - 10:45 A.M. Ordination
of Ron Connerly to the professional
Christian Ministry - Special Re-
ception at 11:45 A.M.

JUNE 19 - 8:00 P.M. -- Jarvis
Christian College Choir Concern.

MAY BREAKFAST ANNUAL HIGHLIGHT

FOR WOMEN OF THE CHURCH:

Saturday, May 5th is the date for the annual May Breakfast observed by the women of the church. A continental breakfast will be served at 9:30 A.M.. The program will be given by Miss Mildred Hartman on her recent trip to Israel. An installation service of next year's CWF officers will be conducted by Sharon Pauley. Officers for next year are: President - Susie Thompson; 1st Vice - Ramona Ketner; 2nd Vice - Gwynth Rice; Corresponding-Recording Secretary - Ellyn Kreischer; Treasurer - Val Taylor.

Please call your reservations to the church office as soon as possible. Child care will be provided.

SUMMER INTERN BEGINS:

Laura Peter began her stay as a summer intern on Monday of this week and Gary Childs will begin on May 29th. Laura hails from Rochester, Indiana where she was quite active as a youth leader in First Christian Church. She has finished two years at Bethel College in Mishawaka.

Housing is needed for both interns for the summer. If you have a spare room and some arrangements can be worked out on meals, please call Dr. Cline as soon as possible. The closer to the church will be more helpful.

THANKSGIVING FOR CHILDBIRTH AND DEDICATION OF PARENTS:

This semi-annual service will be held at 10:45 A.M. on Sunday, May 13. We also have two baptisms planned for the same service. Call the church office if you would de-

sire to participate in the infant presentation or be making a decision for Christ and the church or be baptized.

1979 ECUMENICAL CHOIR FESTIVAL:

20 members of our Chancel Choir sang in the mass choir of about 160 at New Haven United Methodist Church Sunday evening. It was a beautiful and inspiring hour of praise and worship led by the choirs of the eight congregations.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER, MAY 6 - 12, 1979:

Ralph Reynolds (6) Melvin Will-
Beth Schwartz (7) Jamson (11)
Jessie Keller (8) Vaughn Brick-
Irene Wooldridge (8) ley (11)
Harold E. Cline (10) Burl Felten-
Dan Dickey (10) burger (12)
Jo Ann Franklin (10) Willis Wuth-
Carol Dunham (10) rich (12)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER DURING MAY: Bill and Peggy Herod, P.O. Box 20657, Causeway Bay PO, Hong Kong.

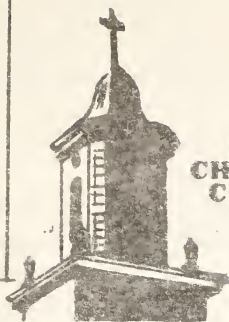
Bill is the son of Cy Herod a long time Hoosier pastor and Peg is the daughter of T.J. and Virginia Liggitt, who is now president of Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis and she was reared in Latin American mission work.

Bill and Peg have been most deeply involved on behalf of our church in Viet Nam in bringing Christian love and concern to persons. He has been involved also in other "people-to-people" programs in China, Japan and the Philippines.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 13

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
1:00 P.M. Bell Choir
5:00 P.M. C.Y.F.

MONDAY, MAY 14

8:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild -
Pearl Heidecker - 2445 Fairfield
Apt. 313
9:00 P.M. Evangelism Committee
10:30 P.M. Martha Group - Sandy
Zimmerman - 4223 Beaver Ave.

TUESDAY, MAY 15

8:15 P.M. Relating to the
Spiritual World

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

8:30 P.M. Lay Personnel Comm.
10:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

COUNTRY:

COATS, POWDER MILK, CAN FRUIT,
CELLO, SOUP, TREET OR SPAM

MOTHERS DAY--MAY 13

FESTIVAL OF CHRISTIAN HOME

Our worship will challenge us to the imperative of our Christian relationships within the home and family. During our worship at 10:45 A.M. will be our semi-annual THANKSGIVING FOR CHILDBIRTH AND DEDICATION OF PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN plus a baptismal service. The sermon text is Deuteronomy 6 and II Timothy 1:3-7. The sermon title is "God Talk In The Home".

Join with others for worship and dedication to God in order that we might exalt the Christian home!

GREAT DAY ON MAY 20

"The Austins have planned for you an outstanding program on Sunday morning, May 20. Kathleen and Spencer are superstars in telling the world mission of the church. You will find their warmth and enthusiasm contagious. They will help each of us understand the importance of our offerings to Christian Church Outreach and Church World Service. Welcome this well-educated, hard working, dedicated couple to First Christian on May 20. Don't miss the unique worships! It is truly a motivating experience. We were privileged to be with them in the fall.

Ed and Sue Allen

SERVING MAY 13

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and
George Bruckman

10:45 A.M. Robert Rayl and
Margaret Love

DIACONATE GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz, E. Brown-
NW, A. Lee-SW, B. Pauley

10:45 A.M. P. Mullen-SW, D. Short-
NW, R. Baugher-SE, S. Hayes-NE, B.
Mettler, M. Akers, W. Bowen, C.
Crowe

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
E. Allen, B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, B. Kerley, M. Calla-
han

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. G. Miller - S. Hayes;
W. Love - J. Young; B. Short -
M. Hutchinson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Delores Keebortz - Susan Thompson

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. T. Evans

10:45 A.M. E. Zimmerman & M. Orr

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. C. Lee

10:45 A.M. B. Finkhousen, B. Stuc-
ky

IN HOSPITALS:

LUTHERAN:

M223 - Mr. Arthur Mowery

M303 - Mr. Jack Gerrard

695 - Mr. Jack Phillips

V.A. HOSPITAL:

4E, 798 - Mr. Paul Kenline

MEMBERS TO SPECIAL NURSING CARE:

Mrs. Elna Taylor has been moved
from the Hospital Section to Room
310 in the Special Care Building.

Mrs. Blanche Tucker is now in
Room 318 in the Covington
Manor Nursing Center, 5700 Wilkie
Drive, -04.

FUNERAL OF MEMBER:

James M. Hirschy, a member
since February 20, 1949, on May
7. His wife, Anna, was a long
time Church School teacher who
died in 1973. Sympathy is ex-
tended to the children-- Tom,
Jim, Duke, Grace, and Sally and
to his niece, Anita Fitch.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH:

To B.J. and Barbara Jane, Mett-
ler, a son, Benjamin Joseph, on
5/1/79. Maternal grandparents
are Bill and Margaret Love.

C.Y.F. CAR WASH COMING:

Bring old towels or other good
car washing rags to the recep-
tacle in Fellowship Hall. The
C.Y.F. will have a car wash on
our parking lot from 10:00 A.M.
until 4:00 P.M. on Saturday,
June 2.

ADDITIONS DURING APRIL:

William Wyant, Nancy Klail,
Mike & Shirley Callahan, Chip &
Becca Olson, Lelia McBride,
Gladys Harshbarger, Tony York,
Gene, Ruth Ann, Phil, & Kevin
Bozarth, John & Becky Glasgow
Richard & Lea Jackson, Dawn Ket-
ner, & Melissa Orr.

APRIL AVERAGES:

Worship	348
Church School	148
Budget Giving	\$2,780.78
Thr. Wk. Chr. Ed.	53

OBSERVATION SCHOOL

Our Observation School for all leaders and teachers will be held this day evening and Saturday, May 11 & 12. Well trained and experienced staff leaders will be coming to help us and we will have groups for all levels.

This school has been planned, not just as a teacher training event, but rather as an opportunity for growth for all leaders or perspective leaders in the church: Board of Trustee members, CWF leaders, even those who occasionally lead a CWF study. The Christian Education Committee has provided that they will not immediately try to enlist as teachers all who enroll in the school, so enrollment does not mean that you must then teach.

The only cost to members of First Christian is \$2.00 for the noon lunch on Saturday. Hours are 7:30 - 9:00 on Friday, 9:30 - 3:00 on Saturday. Class for observation at each age level will be taught by the guest leaders on Saturday at 10:00, with opportunity to help plan and to evaluate after the teaching session.

Lead teachers include: Mrs. Paul Keisler, Director of Christian Education at Forrest Park United Methodist Church; Louise Beam, retired Disciple Minister of Christian Education; Jody Smalley, Director Christian Education at Trinity English Lutheran Church; Barbara Carey, former Director of Christian Education at West Creighton Christian Church; Rev. Axel Rankin, Minister of Carmel, Indiana, Christian Church; Rev. Cletus Schey, United Methodist Minister; and Rev. Charles Rife, Minister of the First Evangelical Church, Van Wert, Ohio.

If you have not already registered, call Miriam Bixenman immediately.

REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

First Christian believes that one of the richest growing experiences for youth is the concentrated learning and relationships from church camp. We underwrite one-half of the cost for each participant. We encourage and have persons serving as leaders. Our known participants for this summer now include:

LEVEL I--THOSE ENTERING GRADES 5 & 6 IN FALL--Barbee, June 25-30

Staff: Laura Peter; Youth: Janice Benny, Heather Jenkins

Barbee, July 16-21--Staff: Bruce Lehman

LEVEL II--THOSE ENTERING GRADES 7 & 8 IN FALL--Barbee, July 23-28

Staff: Laura Peter

LEVEL III--THOSE ENTERING GRADES 9, 10, 11, 12 IN FALL

CANOE WEEKEND--July 27-29 ON BLUE RIVER--Staff: Betty Briggs

TRAIL CAMP IN SMOKIES--Aug. 5-11--Youth: Eric Jenkins

CONFERENCE AT BARBEE--July 29-Aug. 4--Staff: Connie Wells

Fill out the registration forms and write a check to First Christian Church for one-half of the announced fee for the event. Contact the office or one of the pastors for help in registering if there are questions.

A GREAT DAY OF SINGING--IT WAS!

We thank Sara Davis & Jerry Zimmerman for their leadership and our Chancel Choir including Virginia Johnson, Shirley Callahan, Pauline Horn, Beth Mettler, Connie Knight, Anita Fitch, Judi Hoagland, Joyce Crowe, Loretta Orr, Barbara Busse, Brett Lucas, Vincent Wells, Jim & Becky Stucky, Doug & Karen Rogers, John & Betty Briggs for their singing. It was a good service of participatory singing-- even anthems were adaptations of hymns. The variety in our Hymnal was evident. We also thank our Chi Rho Singers including Tim & Bob Briggs, Tony York, Eric Zimmerman, Dawn Ketner, Laura Sauerwein, Terri Smith, and Melissa Orr.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER,

MAY 13 - 19, 1979:

Robert Nulff (13) Jack Skelton (19)
Earl Fusselman (15) Shirley Skelton
Mary Alice Mullins (15) (19)
Monte Tobias (15) Earl Snouffer
Ethel Birkhold (16) (19)
Sam Hayes (17) Wm. A. Houk (19)
Delores Overmyer (17) Evelyn Kanc-
Carolyn J. Webster (17) zuzewski
Carl Schwartz (18) (19)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR INTERCESSORY

PRAYER DURING MAY:

Bill and Peggy Herod

WEEKEND OF OUTREACH

Sat.--May 19--7:00 P.M.--Dessert in Parlor for Boards of Trustees and Elders and mates and Outreach and Stewardship Committees & mates to begin relationship and sharing with Spencer Austins.

D.M.A. IN COMING MONTHS:

May 29--Meet at Church Parking Lot at 11:00 or at Bill Knapp's Restaurant at 11:30. The group will go from the lunch to Siefferts Potato Chip Factory for a Tour at 1:45.

June 26--10:00 at Parking Lot of Church or 10:30 at Old Fort for Tour. 12:00 Noon Potluck Picnic at Clines.

July 24--8:00 A.M. Bus leaves Parking Lot for Cherry Furniture Factory in Homer, Lunch at Durbin Hotel in Rushville, and Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary.

August 14--6:30 P.M. Bus leaves Parking Lot for group to see KING AND I at Wagon Wheel Playhouse.

September 25--9:00 A.M. Bus leaves Parking Lot for Sechler's Pickle Factory and meal and browsing in Grabil.

October 16--10:00 A.M. Bus leaves for overnite trip to Frankenmuth, Michigan.

November 27--12:00 Noon--Holiday Potluck Dinner at Church.

Full details will be coming out shortly on the above schedule--Mark calendars now!

PASTOR IN ST. LOUIS:

Dr. Cline was in Executive Committee and Board meetings for the National Evangelistic Association this Wednesday to Friday in St. Louis. These are final preparation meetings prior to the biennial Assembly of the Association this October 25 & 26 also in St. Louis. He is currently vice-president and has been nominated as president for the next two years.

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WEEKEND OF WORLD PERSPECTIVE

Our congregation is fortunate to have Dr. Spencer Austin and his wife, Kathleen Bailey Austin, as guests to give us a world perspective in various activities of the weekend. This dynamic couple will share the church and its world mission.

7:00 P.M., SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 19--DESSERT IN PARLOR--Informal re-
meeting with Austins and opening of dialogue with them--Bring questions of
world mission and its support -- For all Board of Elders and mates, all
Board of Trustees and mates, all Outreach and Stewardship committees and
mates.

8:15 and 10:45 A.M. WORSHIPS, SUNDAY, MAY 20--In addition to regular
singing and prayer will be a fun worship presentation, "AFRICAN CENTENNI-
--A SUCCESS STORY" led by the Austins as a team.

9:30 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL, SUNDAY, MAY 20

PRE-KINDERGARTEN will be in regular rooms for the hour.

CHILDREN OF KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 8 will begin singing in THE
CHAPEL promptly at 9:30 A.M. and will move as a group to the
Conference Room to be led by Mrs. Austin on "SHOW AND FEEL--
ARTIFACTS OF WORLD MISSION"

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH AND ADULTS will gather as a total group in Fellow-
ship Hall for opening singing at 9:30 and then Spencer Aus-
tin will lead, "HOW THE GOSPEL GETS COMMUNICATED IN AN
ALIEN CULTURE"

11:45 A.M. INFORMAL RECEPTION WITH AUSTINS in Fellowship Hall

Dr. Spencer Austin is currently Director of Special Resources at
Christian Theological Seminary. For 18 years he was president of the
church Finance Council of our denomination and had served 11 years prior
to that in evangelism and administration of our church.

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SERVING MAY 20

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and
Fred Smell

10:45 A.M. Mark Snyder and
Glenn Miller

DIACONATE GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Place-SW, E. Place-
NW, J. Young, M. Busse

10:45 A.M. M. Finkhausen, S. Al-
len, J. Jump, M. Crouse, K. Tay-
lor-NW, S. Schell-SW, C. Cline-NE,
B. Hendricks-SE

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
B. DeVinney, R. Thompson

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, D. Rogers, S. Grimm

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ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. T. Evans

10:45 A.M. M. Orr & E. Zimmerman

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Sharon Pauley, Opal Carper, Laura
York

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. Elsie Widler

10:45 A.M. J. & P. Bickel, C.
Cline

IN HOSPITAL:

LUTHERAN:

M-223 - Mr. Arthur Mowery

PARKVIEW:

S-203 - Mrs. Anne Shirley

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Ruth Stucky and family in the
death of her father in Des Moines
Iowa, late last week. Grandchil-
dren include Metta Stucky, Ruthy
Redding, and Jim Stucky.

RESPONSES TO INVITATION:

We had a Family Day special
when a great grandmother and her
great granddaughter made public
decisions together.

Mrs. Mildred Tharp, 6440 S.
Fairfield, 07, 745-0246 identi-
fied with our community of faith
from a previous relationship in
the St. John's United Church of
Christ of Vincennes, Indiana.
Kristin Byers, 1024 Shoreworth
Trail, 19, 747-2075 made her
confession of faith and was bap-
tized. Mrs. Tharp's daughter is
Eileen Klepfer, whose daughter
is Marilyn Byers, whose daughter
is Kristin.

Mrs. Tharp enjoys music, gar-
dening, biking, and travel. She
has recently become a part of
the Progressive Class and DMA.
Kristin is a sixth grader at
Miami Middle School and enjoys
ballet, organ and singing. We
rejoice in these decisions!

MOVED TO HEALTH CARE CENTER:

Paul Kerline is now in Room
136 of the Fort Wayne Health
Care Center, 2001 Hobson Road.

FUNERAL BY PASTOR:

Meredith Trout on 5/14/79.
Sympathy is extended to his
wife, Irene.

THANKS TO CONGREGATION!

During a time like this we
learn how much our friends re-
ally mean to us. Your expres-
sion of sympathy will always be
treasured.

James Hirshy Family

2ph Carmichael's

THE MOSES STORY

7:00 P.M. - May 20

Worship Nave

Presented by First Christian Church Children's Choir

Andy E. Ahr, Director

Heather Cleven, Accompanist

This one act musical is the story of Moses with all the "good stuff" at kids love...mystery and suspense, heroes and villains, pathos and tenderness, plus a happy ending. It is the Biblical story presented in a way that fosters growth for those hearing and understanding.

Major parts include: Eric Zimmerman as Moses, David Orr as Pharaoh, Larry Taylor as Aaron, Kristin Byers as Mother, Sara Mullen as Miriam, and Dawn Ketner as Princess. Shannon Jones and Dawn Ketner are soloists and Kevin Ketner is Narrator. Other Persons include Julie Briggs, Amy Hayes, and John Flickinger.

Costumes for the play were designed and cut out by Sylvia Smith and Val Taylor, Sandy Zimmerman, and Pat Mullen serving as seamstresses. Also helping with costumes are Loretta Orr, Barb Hayes, Karen Flickinger, Betty Briggs, Mildred Tharp, and Susan Jones. Assisting with make-up will be Schellie Schell, Judi Hoagland, and Marilyn Byers. Ben Taylor will do lighting and Laura Sauerwein and Terri Smith will serve as stage crew.

The final rehearsal will be this Saturday afternoon from 2:30 to 3:30 P.M.--Please note this time change!

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Dr. Kathleen Bailey Austin is founder and curator of the Missions Building Museum located in the building of our international offices. For 7 years she served as vice president of the United Christian Missionary Society and assistant to our general minister and president. She has visited every country where the Disciples of Christ have work. In 1970 she and Spencer visited 17 countries in four continents. In 1976, they spent 9 weeks on special assignment for Church World Service in 17 countries of Central and South America and the Caribbean.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 19

9:00 - 2:30 Spring Area CWF Workshop

2:30 - 5:30 Children's Choir

7:00 P.M. Dessert in Parlor for Boards of Trustees, Elders and mates; Outreach and Stewardship Committees and mates with Austins

SUNDAY, MAY 20

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

4:00 P.M. Chi Rho

5:00 P.M. Bell Choir

6:00 P.M. C.Y.F.

7:00 P.M. The Moses Story

MONDAY, MAY 21

10:00 A.M. Study Group

7:00 P.M. Caller Visiting

TUESDAY, MAY 22

1:15 P.M. Relating to the Spiritual World

THURSDAY, MAY 24

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER,

MAY 20 - 26, 1979

Karen Elkins (20) Virginia Bruckman

Viola Sievers (20) (25)

Jack Brickley (21) Don Smith (25)

Hazel Crouse (21) Kenneth Hunt

Bob Hendricks (21) (26)

Bernard Ashe (21) Harold Nordblom

Edwin J. Day (22) (26)

Robert E. Clipp (23) Kristin Byers

Jay Bixenman (23) (26)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR INTERCESSORY

PRAYER DURING MAY:

Bill and Peggy Herod

INVITATION TO PRAYER STUDY:

The Gospel Seekers Class at 9:30 A.M. each Sunday during June, July and August will be studying in THE WORKBOOK OF LIVING PRAYER. Ruby Cline leads this class made up of

all ages, both couples and singles.

It will be an adventure in learning more about prayer thru a personal daily exercise in prayer and one hour a week spent in sharing and praying corporately from 9:30 to 10:30 on Sunday mornings.

The invitation is out for anyone to join this class for three months in this growth experience. The series begins June 3rd in Room 120.

CALLING PARENTS OF SMALL CHILDREN:

On Monday evening, May 21, at 7:30 P.M., there will be a meeting of the parents of all children who will be in first grade or below when school opens next fall. It is most important for all such parents to attend this meeting, in order that decisions may be made concerning the fall second hour program.

CAMP OUT DATES:

All Church Camp Out Dates this summer will be as follows:

June 29, 30, & July 1 - Chain of Lakes State Park - Rose and Ed Jenkins - arrangements

July 20, 21, & 22 - Twin Mills John and Betty Briggs - arrangements

August 10, 11, & 12 - Quibachi State Park (Bluffton) - Ben and Val Taylor - arrangements

At all camp outs, there will be a Saturday night pot luck dinner, Saturday evening worship with communion, and a Sunday Morning Bible Study.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 27

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

TUESDAY, MAY 29

11:00 A.M. DMA to meet at Church

Parking Lot or at 11:30 at Bill

Knapp's - Resv. needed call office

THURSDAY, MAY 31

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

10:00 to 4:00 C.Y.F. Car Wash

PANTRY:

TUNA, TREET OR SPAM, SOUP,

POWDER MILK, P-NUT BUTTER

GUEST PREACHER SUNDAY

Dr. J. Maurice Thompson will be preaching both at 8:15 A.M. and 10:45 A.M. this Sunday. His sermon will be "THE ERROR OF THE OTHERWISE" based on Luke 14:15-24 and Exodus 3:1-5. Maurice began his ministry at Saturn, served at Huntington during the 1950's and 60's, and did a recent interim at North Christian. We welcome him into our pulpit. Miriam Bixenman will be presiding for worship in the absence of Dr. Cline who is taking a vacation Sunday.

JUNE 3--PENTECOST SUNDAY--BACCALAUREATE SERVICE--CONGREGATIONAL DINNER

Pentecost Sunday on June 3 is one of the three central holidays of the Christian year--equal with Christmas and Easter. We challenge every member and friend to celebrate in worship and church school this day! Wear something RED--This is the color of the day!

Our graduating high school seniors will be honored at a breakfast at 9:15 A.M. at Atz's on Tillman and then are asked to be in gowns for Baccalaureate Worship at 10:45 A.M.

All are invited for a potluck dinner at 12:15 P.M. when we honor new members of the last year, hold annual congregational elections, have special singing, and much other--Plan for this Dinner NOW!

SERVING MAY 27

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. William Franklin and
Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Margaret Love and
Bert Leversee

DIACONATE GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson-SW, K.
Lee, D. Keebortz, D. Allen-NW

10:45 A.M. A. Benny-NW, R. Krull-
SW, G. Davis-SE, E. Conrad-NE, P.
Mullen, G. Falbe, C. Crowe, J.
Johnson

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
D. Dickey, R. Johnson

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, R. Hunt, B. Grimm

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. F. Smell - D. Church;
R. Rayl - G. Falbe; B. Leversee -
J. Jump

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Elinor Place - Andrea Benny

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. T. Evans

10:45 A.M. M. Orr & E. Zimmerman

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Mark & Pauline Snyder

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. A. Lee

10:45 A.M. D. & S. Thompson,
B. Finkhausen

IN HOSPITAL:

LUTHERAN:

M-223 - Mr. Arthur Mowery

PARKVIEW:

S-203 - Mrs. Anne Shirley

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

Clarence Hetrick and Hazel Bradshaw on 5/15/79. They are residing at 2130 Hobson Rd., Apt. 116-B, 484-3061.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH:

To Mike and Shirley Callahan, a daughter, Michelle Sue on 5/17/79!

SPECIAL EASTER OFFERING:

\$900 was mailed this week as our special Easter offering for outreach--We thank all for over and above gifts for this cause!

C.Y.F. CAR WASH COMING:

Our youth will be having a car wash on our parking lot on Saturday, June 2, from 10:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M.. \$2 for inside and out.

THANKS FOR HOSTING DESSERT:

Margaret Love, Charline Craig, and Ruth Ogles decorated and worked on the Dessert last Saturday night with the Austins. Desserts were donated by Pauline Snyder, Mildred Hartman, Mildred Hutchinson, Pam Bickel, Barb Busse, Karen Rogers, Miriam Bixenman, Peg Buskirk, Virginia Bruckman, Janet Weicker, Barb Hayes, Loretta Orr, Karen Flickinger, Virginia Cook, Ramona Ketner, and Sally Davidson.

ACCLAIM TO CHILDREN'S CHOIR:

Tremendous words of appreciation for the most excellent presentation of THE MOSES STORY last Sunday evening have been expressed. It was well prepared and excellently done by the children. 132 shared in this evening hour. Congratulations and Thanks to Randy, Heather, and choir and other aides.

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE BOARD ON MAY 8, 1979

Upon recommendation of the Board of Elders, the Board approved the following recommendations for "SHEPHERDING THE FLOCKS OF THE CONGREGATION":

A. Organization

1. The participating members of the Congregation would be organized into flocks.
2. Prospective members and non-participating members would be shepherded by the church staff and/or other persons until such time as they become members of a flock.
3. An elder and four (4) members of the diaconate would act as a leadership team for each flock.
4. Each leadership team would be responsible for approximately twelve (12) family units.
5. The leadership teams would be reorganized each year; the flocks shall be reorganized each two (2) years.
6. In further planning stages each elder and diaconate member would be actively encouraged to contribute ideas and suggestions for the total shepherding program.
7. The shepherding program would be activated beginning July 1, 1979 and fully implemented by September 2, 1979.
8. Flocks would be designated a staff person for counsel and assistance.

B. Leadership Team Responsibilities

1. Promote acquaintance among members of the flock.
2. Nurture fellowship in the flock.
3. Act as a liaison to the board of trustees for every person.
4. Disseminate information relative to the interests of the congregation.
5. Give leadership to varieties of spiritual nurture.
6. Be sensitive to good communication opportunities.
7. Be responsive to crisis needs.

Margaret Love was appointed chairman of a committee to host the Dessert for the Austins; Barbara Mettler to chair a committee for the Ordination Reception for Ron Connerly; and Karen Flickinger to chair a committee for the Celebration of Miriam Bixenman's retirement on September 30.

The Board approved a written report for Goaling to be presented to the Board of Elders.

PENTECOST SUNDAY--JUNE 3 -- SPECIAL WORSHIPS AND DINNER AT 12:15 P.M.
ORDINATION SERVICE FOR RON CONNERLY -- 10:45 A.M., JUNE 10
JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE CHOIR CONCERT -- 8:00 P.M., TUESDAY, JUNE 19

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER,

MAY 27 - JUNE 2, 1979:

Eural Rose (27)	Diane Howard (31)
Pat Mullen (28)	D. Wayne Penny
Carolyn Beckstein (29)	(31)
Kenneth Allen (29)	Barbara Johnson
Chloe Connor (29)	(1)
Larry Busse (30)	Arthur Chevalier
Jo Roseberry (30)	(1)
Carrie Smelser (30)	Ellen Buchanan
	(2)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER DURING MAY:

Bill and Peggy Herod

NEW SENIOR CENTER HELP:

The new Senior Center for Southwest Fort Wayne, which opened because of the efforts of 7 churches, including First Christian, opened April 23. Meals are served daily at 12:00 noon, cost being a donation of whatever one can afford.

One week in seven we are to provide two volunteers a day to help in serving the meal. This is our week. Those serving this week include: Arza Smith and Dorothy Schmidt on Monday; Ardith and Charles Wrisk on Tuesday; Earl and Ruth Plummer on Wednesday; Helen Foltz and Irene Current Fox on Thursday; and Rolland and Genevieve Ripple on Friday.

Regular program will begin at the center this week. In Tuesdays, for instance, you can have your blood pressure checked free of charge. If you have not yet visited the center, especially if you are at least 60 years of age or married to someone who is, plan to visit and see for yourself the good fellowship and entertainment. Phone reservations to 423-1523 twenty four hours in advance.

SUMMER INTERN HOUSING:

We still do not have a place for Gary Childs as he begins this coming Tuesday, May 29. We are anxious to work out his housing prior to his coming as well as complete arrangements related to offers for Laura Peter after June 2.

THANK YOU:

The Christian Education Committee wishes to thank all who helped make our Observation School a success; Peggy Buskirk, Edna Nordblom, and Barbara Finkhausen, who prepared the Friday evening meal for the committee and the lead teachers; Mary Cook, Helen Foltz, and Bea Orchard, who served the Saturday noon lunch; and Mary Lou Hartzler, Rose Jenkins, Connie Knight, Connie Wells, and Lois Finkhausen, who baked cakes for Saturday noon. Thanks to Margaret & Bill Love, Harold & Ruby Cline, and Miriam Bixenman & Peggy Buskirk for providing housing for our great leaders.

The following were enrolled for all or a portion of the school: Betty Grimm, Becky Stucky, Cindy Akers, Lea Jackson Leesa Jump, Barb Hayes, Marilyn Byers, Karen Flickinger, Betty Briggs, Laura Peter, Jaynie Jenkins, Bruce Lehman, Pat Mullen, Mike Mullen, Mark Akers, Vincent Wells, Edna Vaught, Virginia Brown, and John Briggs, besides Mickey Davis, Janice Aker, and Bernice Mertz of the Saturn Church. In Addition, some 46 children and adults came to be a part of the demonstration classes.

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PENTECOST SUNDAY WORSHIPS 8:15 AND 10:45 A.M.

The overpowering of the early church with the Holy Spirit and its immediate expansion from 120 to over 3,000 is celebrated by the Christian Pentecost. Christ entrusted his mission and ministry to his people empowered and enabled by the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the continual working and effects of the Spirit in human life as we join in our Pentecost worship.

Ginny Johnson will be soloist both hours and the Chancel Choir will sing at 10:45 A.M. Dr. Cline will be preaching on "PARTICIPANTS IN GOD'S UNSWERVING PURPOSE" and will be using the basic Biblical story of Pentecost in Acts 2.

We are asking persons to wear "RED" which is the traditional Pentecost color symbolizing the Holy Spirit described as "fire".

BACCALAUREATE WORSHIP FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

The C.Y.F. is hosting a Senior Recognition Breakfast for seniors at 8:15 A.M. at Atz's at Tillman and Calhoun. Jack Weicker is speaker for this occasion. The Seniors are asked to be in cap and gown and process as a group for our 10:45 A.M. Worship. The following are our seniors with those marked with an asterisk as members: Dan Church*, Carol Cline*, Martin Cole*, Karen Elser, Anita Fountain*, Nancy Hendricks*, Cathy Lee*, Tom Smith, and Kevin Tobias. We would appreciate receiving notice of any graduating from college or graduate work this spring.

PENTECOST CONGREGATIONAL DINNER - 12:15

Every member and friend is invited for a covered dish meal at 12:15 in our Fellowship Hall. The Membership Committee is hosting the meal and will furnish rolls, drink, and butter. Bring food and table service.

Special guests for this meal include the following new members within the last year: Bill Halbrook, Helen Foltz, Mai Pauley, Mark Pontius, Bill Virginia, Bill, Jeff, Scott Johnson, Bill & Diane Howard, Tony & Tim Evans, Tom & Nancy Harter, Linda Wilburn, Dean & Marianne Howard, Judith

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SERVING JUNE 3

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Johnson and
Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Robert Orr and
William Love

DIACONATE GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Hetrick, S. Thompson,
D. Church-SW, E. Brown-NW

10:45 A.M. P. Mullen, D. Short,
R. Baugher, S. Hayes, B. Mettler-
SW, M. Akers-NW, W. Bowen-SE,
Richard Johnson

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
T. Sauerwein, S. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, G. Shirley, M. Tobias

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10:45 A.M. T. York & R. Briggs

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. D. & B. Johnson

10:45 A.M. L. Wiley, B. Stucky,
M. Pauley

IN HOSPITAL:

LUTHERAN:

M-203 - Mr. Arthur Mowery

ST. JOSEPH:

208 - Mrs. Emma Schell

PARKVIEW:

S203 - Mrs. Anne Shirley

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Mrs. Connie Wells and family
in the death of her brother in law,
Carl McKillip last week in Tiffin,
Ohio.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH:

To Brett and Nena Lucas, a daughter
Rachel Kristina on 5/26/79.

MAY AVERAGES:

Worship	277
Church School	124
Thr. Wk. Educ.	50
Budget Giving	\$2,097.01

NEW MEMBERS DURING MAY:

Mildred Tharp
Kristin Byers

CONCERN FOR GIVING:

We remained up to date on our
regular church giving for the
first 18 weeks of this calendar
year--NOW we have had three low
Sundays and have fallen nearly
\$4,000 behind our budgeted needs.
We need regular and proportion-
ate giving from every member and
friend!

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

William Warren Wyant and Nancy
Virginia Klail on 5/26/79. They
are residing at 502 Corwin Lane,
16.

C.Y.F. CAR WASH ON SATURDAY:

Bring your cars to the parking
lot this Saturday between 10:00
A.M. and 4:00 P.M. for a com-
plete car wash inside and out
for \$2.

CHI RHO:

Chi Rho Fellowship will meet
as usual this Sunday evening at
4:00. It is most important
that all youth interested in
summer plans and in going on
our camp out be here. Bring
suggestions as to places you
would like to go camping.

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Joagland, Robert Briggs, William & Nancy Wyant, Mike & Shirley Callahan, Elia McBride, Gladys Harshbarger, Tony York, Gene, Ruth Ann Phillip, and Kevin Bozarth, John & Rebecca Glasgow, Richard & Lea Jackson, Dawn Letner, Melissa Orr, Chip & Becca Olson, Mildred Tharp and Kristin Byers. Special music which will be enjoyable--a short movie--information on our church--All will be a part of this special meeting--Child Care during the program and meeting.

One major issue is an annual elections. Every nominee is very much needed to be present along with all members to exercise voting responsibilities. We have a very democratic system which demands responsibility in our congregational structure. As William Robinson suggests in his book, THE BIBLICAL DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH, a church election is a peak time when the people need to sense and allow the Holy Spirit to be leader and guide--It is one of the deepest moments of worship. In all categories, nominations may be added from the floor provided the nominees have been contacted and consented according to provisions of the by-laws. Under your voting in light of the following nominations:

STRICTLY COMPETITIVE ELECTIONS

NOMINATIONS FOR CONGREGATIONAL VOTING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ST. LOUIS, MO. October 26-31, 1979 --- Two to be elected from among the following: George Bruckman, Virginia Bruckman, Andy Cook, Roland Ripple, Genevieve Ripple.

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES -- This group holds the majority of votes--Two to be elected from each category: ELDERS: Bill Franklin, Robert Johnson, Charles Ludwig, Roland Ripple, Ben Taylor DEACONS: Jack Bickel, Walter Bowen, Richard Johnson. DEACONESSES: Mildred Hutchinson, Pat Mullen, Val Taylor, Susie Watson CONGREGATION-AT-LARGE: Lila Schilling, Jerry Zimmerman, & ?, & ?.

ELECTIONS FOR TERMS OF OFFICE

OFFICERS FOR TWO YEARS: Secretary - Carolyn Falbe; Treasurer - Ron Flickinger; Memorial Funds Treasurer - George Davis CHAIRPERSONS FOR TWO YEARS: Elders - Mildred Hartman; Worship & Pastoral Relations - Robert Orr; Membership - Rose Jenkins; Stewardship - Ed Allen; Property - George Bruckman. ELDERS FOR FIVE YEARS: Ralph Church, Ben Taylor, Dean Widler & ? DIACONATE FOR FIVE YEARS: Jack Bickel, Tom Harter, & ? & ?, Rose Jenkins, Val Taylor, Susie Watson, Monte Tobias.

SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR STAFF PERSON TO REPLACE MIRIAM BIXENMAN: Jack Bickel, Karen Flickinger, Mildred Hartman, Jaynie Jenkins, Robert Orr, Barbara Short, Jack Weicker, Dean Widler, and Jerry Zimmerman.

ELDER EMERITUS: Cecil Rice

CONFIRMATIONS FOR UNEXPIRED TERMS

VICE-MODERATOR until 6/30/80 - William Schilling; CHAIRPERSON OF OUTREACH & SERVICE till 6/30/80 - Rosemary Krull & ? DIACONATE: Jeff Johnson & Clint Crowe - 6/30/80; Kathy Lee & Richard Johnson & ? - 6/30/82. DEACON REPRESENTATIVE TO BOARD till 6/30/80 - Jeff Young.

COMING HIGHLIGHTS:

Come and bring others for these EXPERIENCES in our congregation:

10:45 A.M. - Sunday, June 10

Ordination Service for Ron Connorly jointly sponsored by First Christian Church and the Christian Church in Ohio. Reception following in Fellowship Hall.

8:15 A.M. - Sunday, June 17

Commissioning Service for Andrea Benny who is entering the lay ministry of the United Methodist Church and begins as Lay Coordinator of Evangelism of Waynedale United Methodist Church on June 4.

8:00 P.M. - Tuesday, June 19

JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE CHOIR CONCERT - from Hawkins, Texas

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER,

JUNE 3 - 9, 1979:

Necia Stucker (3)	Mel Busse (9)
David Rinker (5)	Chad Cline (9)
Morris Swift (5)	Virginia Engle-
Ralph Church (6)	hart (9)
John Heckler (6)	Clarence Hetrick
Stanley Cole (7)	(9)
Stephan Taulbee (7)	Irene Kissinger
Pat Bennett (8)	(9)
Ron Kiger (8)	

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR INTERCESSORY

PRAYER DURING JUNE:

Mary Ellen LaRue

Kyuhō Church

5-1-11 Suehiro-cho

Yao-shi, Osaka-fu 581

JAPAN

Mary Ellen LaRue served the Banquo Christian Church north of Marion until early in 1978 before taking this short term assignment in Japan. She is teaching, preaching, and relating as a Missionary Associate of the United Church of Christ of Japan.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 3-PENTECOST

8:15 A.M. Morning Worship

9:15 A.M. Senior Breakfast at Atz's

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

Senior Baccalaureate

12:15 P.M. Annual Dinner and Congregational Meeting

3:00 P.M. Young Couples at Clines

4:00 P.M. Chi Rho

6:00 P.M. C.Y.F.

MONDAY, JUNE 4

10:00 A.M. Study Group at Miriam Bixenman - 4430 Wilmette - Salad Potluck

7:00 P.M. Visitor Calling

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

11:00 A.M. Ruth Group - Reba Fusselman - 6309 Bluffton Potluck

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

9:00 A.M. Dorcus Group

9:30 A.M. Esther Group -

Mildred Hogg - 1205 Three Rivers

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL:

Our Vacation School this year is June 12, 13, 14, & 19, 20 & 21 from 9:30 - 11:30 A.M. There will be classes for children who will be 4 years old by next October 1 through those who finished 5th grade this year. We are asking that every person be an outreach ambassador, inviting neighbors, friends, all children. All are welcome. Let's top our enrollment of 82 last summer.

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ORDINATION INTO THE MINISTRY FOR RONALD SCOTT CONNERLY

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

*invites you to share in the
Ordination into the Ministry
of the Christian Church for
RONALD SCOTT CONNERLY
on Sunday, the tenth of June,
1979 during Divine Worship at
10:45 A.M.*

*Reception follows in Fellow-
ship Hall.*



The commitment of life through servanthood in the professional ministry will become reality in the ordination of Ronald Connerly this Sunday at 10:45 A.M. On May 30th, he graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary and thus completed the final step for ordination jointly by the Christian Church in Ohio (Disciples of Christ) and First Christian Church of Fort Wayne.

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SERVING JUNE 10

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Janet Weicker and
Merle Grimm
10:45 A.M. Barbara Short and
Joe Wiley

DIACONATE - GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Place-SW, E. Place-
NW, A. Lee, L. York
10:45 A.M. M. Finkhausen-SW, J.
Jump-NW, M. Crouse, K. Taylor,
S. Allen, S. Schell, C. Cline, B.
Hendricks

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, E. Allen,
B. Lehman
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, B. Kerley,
M. Callahan, R. Chevalier, H.
Stevenson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. M. Love - D. Short,
R. Johnson - C. Crowe, C. Ludwig-
J. Jump

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Eileen Klepfer - Peg Buskirk

ACOLYTES

10:45 A.M. T. York, R. Briggs

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. N. Schilling
10:45 A.M. M. & D. Brian, T.
Smith, L. Sauerwein

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN - M.-203 Mr. Art Mowery
ST. JOSEPH - 617 Mrs. Edna Clark
PARKVIEW: S203 Mrs. Anne Shirley

THANKS:

"I wish to express my gratitude
for prayers, calls, and messages
of cheer from my friends of First
Christian. Also for the privil-
ege of Home Communion. May God
bless you all."

Sincerely,
Elna Taylor

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

8:15 A.M. MEDITATIVE WORSHIP
Dr. Cline preaching
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. ORDINATION WORSHIP
12:00 Noon Reception in Fellow-
ship Hall honoring Ron Conner

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

9:30 A.M. Vacation Church Scho
11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group, Epicu-
lian Restaurant

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

9:30 A.M. Vacation Church Scho
12:00 Noon Mary Group, L.S. Ayr-
Tea Room, Downtown

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

9:30 A.M. Vacation Church Scho
9:30 A.M. Rachel Group, Richar-
Restaurant

PANTRY NEEDS: P-NUT BUTTER, SOU-
CANNED FRUIT, JELLO, TUNA, SPAN-
OR TREET

SPECIAL EVENT FOR "YES" GROUP & RECENT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

The Yes Group and those who
have just graduated from high
school are invited to the Steve
Harter's, 4922 Knoll Rd., at
7:30 P.M. on Friday, June 15
for a get-together with the
Saturn Christian Seniors. Br-
ing nibble food!

PAPER SALE

The Chi Rho Fellowship is sp-
onsoring the last paper drive
until next fall on Saturday,
June 16. Donations of paper
should be at the church by 8:30
A.M. that morning, but may be
brought anytime before June 16.
It is helpful if paper can be
put in grocery bags or tied.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL - JUNE 12, 13, 14 and 19, 20, 21 9:30-11:30 A.M.

theme: MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE - CLASSES FOR ALL FROM THOSE WHO WILL BE 4

BY OCTOBER 1, 1979 THROUGH THOSE WHO FINISHED 5th GRADE THIS SPRING.

ENROLL NOW BY CALLING THE CHURCH OFFICE.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH - SUMMER 1979

Action is needed now to register for our summer short series in our School of through-the-week Christian Education. The couples groups must have a minimum of 8 persons and the other classes a minimum of 6 persons --these are in addition to the leaders.

EVENINGS FOR COUPLES - COST: \$4.00 per couple

TIME: 7:30 - 9:00 P.M. - Thursdays, June 14 - July 5 - led by Ralph and Judy Church.

DESCRIPTION: A serendipity Marriage Encounter Program covering Listening, Decision-Making, Fighting, Healing. Reading Book - LOVE IS A COUPLE.

UNBOUNDED LOVE - COST: \$4.00 per person

TIME: Thursdays June 21-July 19 except July 5 - Section I 9:00-11:15 A.M. Section II - 7:30 to 9:45 P.M. Led by Dr. Cline.

DESCRIPTION: Text is UNBOUNDED LOVE by Norman Pittinger which is a study of basic Christian faith and Biblical revelation from the perspective of modern process thought. Themes: Doing Theology, God, Christ, Man, Holy Spirit, Church and Sacrament, Destiny, Living Faith Today.

POWER AND LIGHT - APPLYING EPHESIAN LETTER - COST: \$2.00 per person

TIME: Thursdays - June 28 - July 26 - Section I 9:00 to 11:00 A.M.; Section II 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. led by Miriam Bixenman

DESCRIPTION: The NT book of Ephesians is studied with printed resources and tapes for discussion, sharing, experimenting, and exploring to learn how the early church came by her victorious spirit.

OLD TESTAMENT BOOK OF JOB - COST: \$2.00 per person

TIME: Thursdays, July 26 - August 19 - Section I 9:00 - 11:00 A.M.; Section II: 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. led by Dr. Cline

DESCRIPTION: A basic biblical study to gain the tremendous insights of this book of wisdom literature in the Bible.

EVENINGS FOR PARENTS - COST: \$4.00 per couple

TIME: Thursdays, August 2-23 from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M.

DESCRIPTION: A serendipity Marriage Encounter Program covering Memories, Listening, Replays and Life-Giving.

NAME: _____

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ORDINATION OF RONALD SCOTT CONNERLY (from page one)

Rev. Mary Alice Flynt, Associate Regional Pastor of the Ohio Disciples will lead the act of ordination. Rev. Ed Allen, the brother-in-law of Ron will lead the celebration of the Eucharist. Dr. Harold E. Cline was requested to preach.

Other participants include Dr. Geddie W. Hanson of Princeton Theological Seminary and Rev. Ronald Naylor, a personal friend of Ron. The eldership of First Christian Church will be involved along with guests from First Christian Church in Barbarton, Ohio, where Ron begins a pastorate on June 24th.

For the past two school years Ron has served as a Pastoral Intern and Pastoral Resident for First Christian Church of Lower Bucks, Pennsylvania. During his first year at Princeton, he served as a Student Minister for Ringwood Presbyterian Church of Ringwood, New Jersey. In Indiana he served as part-time pastor of First Christian Church of Brookville from December, 1975 until August, 1976 during which he instituted the Chaplain program of the Brookville Lake Ministries. During college days at Ball State University, he served two years as a volunteer person in Christian Education and Youth Director of Main Street Methodist Church in Muncie.

Ron was reared in First Presbyterian Church of Rushville, Indiana and is the son of Bob and Martha Connerly. In March, 1976, he married Deborah Allen, the daughter of Ed and Sue Allen of this congregation.

First Christian Church rejoices in the participation with Ron for several years in our Church Vocation Scholarship Program and considers it a rare privilege to be the congregation sponsoring his ordination. All are invited to the Ordination Worship and Reception immediately following in our Fellowship Hall.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

June 10-16, 1979

Bill Howard (10)	Steven Tharp (14)
David Johnston (10)	Mike Watson (14)
Sally Cotton (10)	Elsie Widler (14)
Bev Hendricks (12)	Doug Allen (15)
Jody Brown (12)	Clint Crowe (15)
Doris Bushey (13)	Valetta Parlette (15)
Susan Thompson (13)	Mary King (16)
Laura Tomes (13)	Josephine Weyer (16)

CYF SAYS "THANK YOU"

For all who provided cars and helped them gain \$101 in their car wash last Saturday the 2nd. Those working included: Ann Boyd, Dan Church, Carol Cline, Kathy Lee, Tim Sauerwein, Bill, Ginny, Bill & Jeff Johnson, Chip & Becca Olson, Laura Peter, and Gary Childs.

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

8:30 A.M. Chi Rho Paper Sale

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

Commissioning for Andrea
Benny

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

MONDAY, JUNE 18

5:30 P.M. Martha Group, Chaucer's
Inn

PANTRY NEEDS: SOUP, CANNED FRUIT,
P-NUT BUTTER, CRACKERS, JELLO

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

JUNE 19, 20, 21 9:30-11:30

Classes for those age 4 (by Oct.

1) through 5th Grade.

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+ JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE +
+ CHOIR +

+ Tuesday, June 19 at 8:00 P.M. +

+ (child care for preschoolers.) +
+++++

is worship for all in light of Jesus' words, "Let the children come to me
and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I
say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall
not enter it." (Luke 18: 16, 17)

SPECIAL WORSHIPS ON JUNE 17

8:15 A.M. COMMISSIONING SERVICE
FOR ANDREA BENNY

ANDREA BENNY has been hired by
the Waynedale United Methodist Ch-
urch as a Lay Coordinator of Evange-
lism and is entering the Lay Pastor
program of the United Methodist Ch-
urch. Because of her commitment and
growth in Christ experienced in our
fellowship leading to this ministry,
we are sharing in her life commit-
ment as a "Timothy" from our congre-
gation. We send her with our love
and blessings and best wishes!

See her witness written on P. 4.

10:45 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP WILL
FOCUS OUR WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN

Our Divine Worship will be couch-
ed and experienced with a conscious
effort to enable and help children
to worship. Stories, children's
hymns, and interpretation will be
given to help children worship. The
call is out for all children to be
in worship during this service. Th-

SERVING JUNE 17

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and
Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Robert Rayl and
Roland Ripple

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Young-SW, M. Busse-
NW, M. Hutchinson, D. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. R. Johnson-SE, K. Lee-
NE, L. York-NW, G. Falbe-SW, R.
Krull, G. Davis, E. Conrad

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
B. DeVinney, R. Thompson

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, D. Rogers, S. Grimm

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Eileen Klepfer & Peg Buskirk

ACOLYTES

10:45 A.M. T. York & R. Briggs

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Schilling

10:45 A.M. P. Akers, S. Melchi,
B.S. Johnson

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: M203 Mr. Arthur Mowery

ST. JOSEPH: 807 Mrs. Edna Clark

PARKVIEW: S203 Mrs. Anne Shirley

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTHS:

A son, Kyle James, to Jim & Leesa
Jump on June 10, 1979.

A son, Kyle, to Bill & Sue Kerley
on June 11, 1979.

THANKS FOR CONNERLY RECEPTION:

Mrs. Barbara Mettler chared the reception last Sunday noon to celebrate the ordination of Ron Connerly. She was assisted by Robert and Ruth Ogles, Bill and Margaret Love, Linda Wilburn, B.J. Mettler, and Laura Peter. Elinor Place made the cakes. Thanks for your efforts!

REGISTER NOW FOR CAMP!

10 youth and 6 counselors are already signed up for camp. Others need to register NOW for events. Turn in forms with 1/2 of the amount of announced fee.

BARBEE: June 25-30 Grades 5 & 6

YOUTH: Janice Benny, Heather

Jenkins; STAFF: Laura Peter

INDIAN LAKE: July 16-21 Grades

7 & 8 STAFF: Gary Childs

BARBEE: July 16-21 Grades 5 & 6

YOUTH: Julie Briggs

STAFF: Bruce Lehman

BARBEE: July 23-28 Grades 7 & 8

YOUTH: Bob Briggs, Kristin Byer

Julie Cook, Dawn Ketner, Melis

sa Orr STAFF: Laura Peter

CANOE WEEKEND July 27-29

STAFF: Betty Briggs

TRAIL CAMP IN SMOKIES Aug. 5-11

YOUTH: Eric Jenkins

BARBEE: July 29-Aug. 4 Grades 9-

12 YOUTH: Tim Briggs, STAFF:

Connie Wells.

CHI RHO DATES

JUNE 16 - Saturday - PAPER SAL
(Be here by 8:30 A.M.)

JUNE 17 - Sunday - PICNIC AT
FRANKE PARK (leave church at
2:00 P.M.)

JUNE 20 - Thursday - EAT OUT
AT MOUNTAIN JACK'S (leave
church at 6:30 P.M.)

SUPPORT SENIOR CENTER

The Senior Center located in Grace United Church of Christ, Lexington at Webster needs the support of those 55 and over.

Beginning the 20th, every Monday at 10:30 A.M. is game day. Every Wednesday is craft day. On June 18th the Parlettes' will be leading singing prior to lunch.

REPORT FROM CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND BOARD - JUNE 3 & 5.

The congregation elected in competitive elections the following persons: REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD FOR TWO YEARS: Elders - Rolland Ripple & Ben Taylor; Deacons - Jack Bickel & Richard Johnson; Deaconesses - Mildred Hutchinson & Pat Mullen; Congregation-at-Large - Nila Schilling & Jerry Zimmerman. LAY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR TWO YEARS: Karen Flickinger & Betty Grimm. VOTING REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN ST. LOUIS: George Bruckman & Andy Cook; Alternates: Rolland Ripple, Virginia Bruckman, Genevieve Ripple.

The Board and Congregation both approved the Search Committee to fill the professional staff at the retirement of Mrs. Bixenman, namely: Jack Bickel, Karen Flickinger, Mildred Hartman, Jaynie Jenkins, Robert Orr, Barbara Short, Jack Weicker, Dean Widler, and Jerry Zimmerman.

Elected by the Congregation for two years were officers: Carolyn Falbe, Secretary; Ron Flickinger, Treasurer, George Davis, Memorial Funds Treasurer. CHAIRPERSONS: Mildred Hartman-Elders; Robert Orr-Worship & Pastoral Relations, Rose Jenkins-Membership; Ed Allen-Stewardship; George Bruckman, Property.

Cecil Rice was elected Elder Emeritus by the congregation.

Elected for five year terms were ELDERS: Ralph Church, Bill Johnson, Ben Taylor, Dean Widler. DIACONATE: Jack Bickel, Ron Flickinger, Tom Harter, Rose Jenkins, Jim Stucky, Val Taylor, Monty Tobias, Susie Watson. Confirmed for unexpired terms were: Vice-Moderator: William Schilling; Co-Chairperson of Outreach-Rosemary Krull; Elder-Robert Orr, Diaconate: Jeff Johnson, Clint Crowe, Kathy Lee, Richard Johnson, Homer Stevenson; Deacon Representative to the Board-Jeff Young.

We also appreciate the following who were honored with nominations but who were not elected in the competitive elections: Bill Franklin, Robert Johnson, Charles Ludwig, Val Taylor, Susie Watson, Walter Bowen, Connie Wells, Helen Williams.

The treasurer's report to the Board showed the problem of low giving in May with unpaid obligations on May 31 of \$1,197.49 of operating bills and \$725 of outreach.

The resignation of Andrea Benny as Chairwoman of Evangelism Committee and a deaconess was accepted with regret because of her new job at Waynedale. Likewise the resignation of Marilyn Byers as Financial Recorder was accepted with regret. Ramona Ketner was hired as financial recorder to add to her responsibility as assistant secretary.

The Board voted a new policy relating to "timothies of First Christian Church. "In recognition of the continuing bond of relationship with persons commissioned or ordained into the professional Christian ministry, First Christian Church desires to recognize these 'Timothys by a classification as Timothy Membership in which they would be continued in this status with all membership listings until either death or removal from standing in the order of ministry. This classification would not

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REPORT OF BOARD MEETING (from page three)

include them in either Participating or Non-Participating Membership counts for the Year Book of the Christian Church unless they were still a regular member of the congregation."

The Board also authorized a committee to investigate concerning possible Sunday afternoon building usage by another congregation. The congregation also approved a board action to use undesignated Building And Equipment Fund of Memorial Funds to apply to the Storm Window loan in the amount of \$200 to \$300.

WHAT I FOUND IN FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH! by Andrea Benny

Not being an active "church goer", I felt I was being bugged by a friend to attend First Christian Church because I was a new resident of Ft. Wayne. I finally relented and attended. I found the church to be warm and friendly. After sharing in worship for about six months, I joined the church. I first became involved as a church school teacher. As I became more involved in the life of First Christian, I found a greater sense of commitment to Christ and His church. It was in 1972 that Christ revealed himself to me for the very first time. Since that time I have been taught, nurtured, enabled and loved by Christ himself through the members of this church.

To me being a part of First Christian means more than just being a Sunday morning worship attender. First Christian is a fellowship of believers who truly believe in the great commission..."Therefore, go and make disciples in all the nations"...I have been made a disciple by God through this congregation. We are all given the opportunity to be a part of the family of God. Why did this all happen?

1. Because someone cared enough to invite me to a worship service to share "something" they found to be meaningful. 2. Because as I was taught and cared for and got involved in the service of God and the church, I made strong and loving relationships within the fellowship. 3. Because as I became a committed Christian worker, the more Christ revealed Himself to me.

As a result of this experience, I believe God has called me forward to share in a deeper venture of faith by becoming a Lay Pastor in the Waynedale United Methodist Church.

I found my richest experience of love in this church. You too can find that same rich experience. Are you willing, too, to give more of yourself to a God who awaits to give you new life...First Christian Church is a means by which that can happen. You too can choose to be a part!

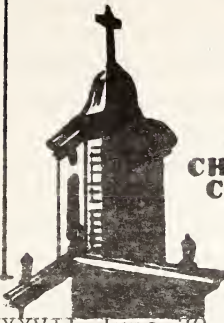
MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER - JUNE 17-23, 1979

Andy Cook (17)	Bernice Montgomery (18)	Esther Whitton (19)	H. Flowers (20)
Gene Auer (18)	Robert Coleman (19)	Joan Penny (20)	K. Schryver (23)
Gary Hall (18)	Linda Johnstone (19)	Roxy Wunderlich (20)	Jack Weicker (21)
Fern Kenline (18)	Don Parlette (19)	Orie McDougale (21)	Lee Ann Urlich (21)
	Wm. Schilling (19)	Jo Flickinger (23)	

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SUMMER SERMON SERIES

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
12:00 Noon CUC Class Picnic,
Foster Park

MONDAY, JUNE 25

6:00 P.M. Fellowship Guild Pot-
luck, Mildred Hartman, 422 Oak-
dale
6:30 P.M. CYF Swim Party, Briggs',
5807 Fernwood
7:00 P.M. Visiting

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

10:00 A.M. DMA meet on Parking
Lot for trip to Old Fort
12:00 Noon DMA to Clines for
lunch.
7:30 P.M. Worship & Pastoral
Relations Committee

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

9:00 A.M. Unbounded Love/ Power
& Light
7:30 P.M. Unbounded Love/ Power
& Light/ Evenings for Couples

PANTRY NEEDS: CEREAL, JELLO,
P-NUT BUTTER, SOUP, CRACKERS

The Eight Century prophets of
the Old Testament will be the basis
of the next four sermons. Dr.
Cline will be preaching assisted by
or in dialogue with Gary Childs.
The study of these powerful books
of the Old Testament can be an en-
richment of life and present ex-
pression of faith.

June 24 - AMOS: SEEK GOD AND LIVE

July 1 - HOSEA: OPTIMISM OF GRACE

July 8 - ISAIAH: ABSOLUTE TRUST
IN GOD

July 15 - MICAH: GOD CONTENDING
IN COVENANT

These books bring powerful words
from the Lord to the reality of the
people in the covenant bonds with
God in the two Kingdoms of Israel.

Bernhard Anderson points to the
key verse of Micah as a backdrop of
the other three books. In Micah
6:8 we read: "*What does God re-
quire of you but to do justice, and
to love kindness, and to walk hum-
bly with your God?*"

"Here we find, expressed in a
single sentence, Amos' demand for
justice, Hosea's appeal for the
steadfast love that binds people in
(continued on page four)

SERVING JUNE 24		
ELDERS		
8:15 A.M.	Fred Smell and	
	William Franklin	
10:45 A.M.	Glenn Miller and	
	Bert Leversee	
DIACONATE & GREETERS		
8:15 A.M.	D. Keebortz, C. Church,	
	C. Hetrick-NW, S. Thompson-SW	
10:45 A.M.	P. Mullen-NW, D. Short-	
	SW, R. Baugher-NE, S. Hayes-SE, B.	
	Mettler, M. Akers, W. Bowen, C.	
	Crowe	
USHERS		
8:15 A.M.	G. Bruckman, D. Smith,	
	D. Dickey	
10:45 A.M.	A. Cook, R. Chevalier,	
	H. Stevenson, R. Hunt, B. Grimm	
HOMEBOUND COMMUNION		
9:00 A.M.	M. Hartman	
	B. Short - K. Taylor	
	W. Franklin - C. Hetrick	
COMMUNION PREPARATION		
	Eileen Klepfer & Peg Buskirk	
ACOLYTES		
10:45 A.M.	T. York & R. Briggs	
NURSERY WORKERS		
8:15 A.M.	B. Hiatt	
10:45 A.M.	C. Falbe, B. Stucky,	
	D. Ketner	

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: M203 Mr. Art Mowery
 PARKVIEW: S203 Mrs. Anne Shirley
 406 Mr. Charles Atwood
 ST. JOSEPH: 807 Mrs. Edna Clark
 419 Mrs. Winnie Mae Ferguson
 HOSPITAL OUT OF TOWN:
 Mrs. Ruth Stucky
 Rm. G307, Billings Hospital
 1500 E. 59th St.
 Chicago, ILL 60637

DEATH OF MEMBER:

Mrs. Blanche Valentine, a member here for many years, died on June 17. Sympathy is extended to her family.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

ERIC JON ZIMMERMAN, the son of Jerry and Sandy Zimmerman, 42 Beaver 07, 744-5698, accepted Christ as Lord during the early service on Sunday. He will be baptized during Divine Worship on July 8.

Eric has been active in Chi Rho and the Bell Choir. He is studying both piano and drums. This fall he will enter the seventh grade at Fairfield Middle School. We rejoice in this decision!

CYF TO BRIGGS FOR SWIM PARTY

The CYF will be going to the Briggs' home, 5807 Fernwood for a Swim Party on Monday, June 25 at 6:30 P.M.

OPEN CHURCH WEDDING

Rocky and Lee Baugher request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Melanie Gail to David Arthur Springer at 5:30 P.M. in the Worship Nave of our church and at the wedding reception from 7:00 until 11:00 P.M. at Zoli's Chateau on Covington Rd. on Sunday, June 24, 1979.

UNSUNG WORKER

Did you know that Dan Flickinger is our "Man Friday" when it comes to fixing things for the Church School and in other areas of the church? Dan has fixed equipment in children's class rooms, built equipment for class rooms, repaired and replaced items in many other places in the church building and helped with a host of other items. You name it, I can fix it. Many thanks to Dan Flickinger, unsung worker of the week!

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH - SUMMER 1979

We rejoice in the seven couples who are now participating in the EVENINGS FOR COUPLES on Thursdays led by Ralph and Judy Church. The participants include: Mark & Cindy Akers, Ennis & Gini Brown, Dick & Barb Johnson, Bob & Loretta Orr, Jim & Becky Stucky, and Jack & Janet Weicker.

Two other courses will begin on Thursday, June 28 - Please register by this Sunday, the 24th either by calling the office or filling out a registration form the later course on Job has several enrollees already.

EVENINGS FOR COUPLES - COST: \$4.00 per couple

TIME: 7:30 - 9:30 P.M. - Thursdays, June 14 - July 5. Led by Ralph & Judy Church. DESCRIPTION: A serendipity Marriage Encounter Program covering Listening, Decision-Making, Fighting, Healing. Reading book: LOVE IS A COUPLE.

UNBOUNDED LOVE - COST: \$4.00 per person

TIME: Thursdays, June 28-July 19. Section I - 9:00-11:15 A.M.; Section II 7:30-9:30 P.M. Led by Dr. Cline. DESCRIPTION: Text is UNBOUNDED LOVE by Norman Pittenger which is a study of basic Christian faith and Biblical revelation from the perspective of modern process thought. Themes: Doing Theology, God, Christ, Man, Holy Spirit, Church & Sacrament, Destiny, Living Faith Today.

POWER AND LIGHT - APPLYING EPHESIAN LETTER - COST: \$2.00 per person.

TIME: Thursdays - June 28-July 26. Section I - 9:00-11:00 A.M. Section II - 7:30-9:30 P.M. Led by Miriam Bixenman. DESCRIPTION: The NT book of Ephesians is studied with printed resources and tapes for discussion, sharing, experimenting, and exploring to learn how the early church came by her victorious spirit.

OLD TESTAMENT BOOK OF JOB - COST: \$2.00 per person

TIME: Thursdays, July 26-August 16 - Section I - 9:00-11:00 A.M. Section II - 7:30-9:00 P.M. Led by Dr. Cline. DESCRIPTION: A basic biblical study to gain the tremendous insights of this book of wisdom literature in the Bible.

EVENINGS FOR PARENTS - COST: \$4.00 per couple

TIME: Thursdays, August 2-23 from 7:30-9:30 P.M. DESCRIPTION: A serendipity Marriage Encounter Program covering Memories, Listening, Replays and Life-giving.

NAME _____

STUDY & SECTION _____

NEED CHILD CARE _____

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SERMON SERIES (from page one)
covenant with God and with one another, and Isaiah's plea for the quiet faith of the 'humble walk' with God."

SUMMER CAMP COMMISSIONING

During our worship at 10:45 A.M. this Sunday we will hold a special commissioning service for our youth and counselors going to various summer camps and conferences. Included among the counselors are: Bruce Lehman, Betty Briggs, Connie Wells, Gary Childs, and Laura Peter. Our youth currently registered include: Janice Benny, Heather Jenkins, Julie Briggs, Bob Briggs, Kristin Byers, Julie Cook, Dawn Keitner, Melissa Orr, Eric Jenkins, and Tim Briggs.

PENTECOST OFFERING

\$517.61 has been received to date in this special Outreach offering. Final date for these gifts will be this coming Sunday so that the money can be transmitted during June. Could we make it \$600?

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

JUNE 24-30

Mamie Miller (24) June Williams (28)
Dean Widler (25) Dwain Graham (28)
Norma Andrew (26) Thomas Rayl (29)
Amelia Dare (26) Karen Buzzard (29)
Lois Buchanan (27) Mildred Hartman
Pauline Horn (28) (29)
Mildred Linn (28) Cheryl Busse (30)
Scott Rayl (28) Leesa Jump (30)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER

Mary Ellen LaRue

ALL CHURCH CAMP OUT

The first all-church camp out the summer will be June 29, 30 and July 1 at Chain-of-Lakes State Park. Rose and Ed Jenkins are in charge of arrangements. There will be a camp fire worship Saturday evening, complete with communion, and a one hour family Bible study on Sunday morning. Families or groups planning to go should call the church office, 744-3233 or Rose Jenkins, 456-6652, before June 26. Families and groups will share in a pot luck dinner on Saturday evening. Other meals will be in your own group, sharing with or inviting others as you see fit.

CONCERN FOR GIVING

Ron Flickinger, our treasurer, has listed these current deficits because of low giving for several weeks:

Operating Deficit	\$1,383.97
Outreach Deficit	1,212.02

If summer takes us to a cottage or on vacation, we need to send our offering regularly, since expenses do continue. We need all of our members and friends to give regularly and proportionately.

CUC'S CLASS PICNIC

The CUC Class will have a picnic at Foster Park on Sunday, June 24, immediately following the second hour worship. Bring a dish to share and your own drinks, table service, blankets or chairs, and children. We'll meet near the Candy Land playground.

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GOD OF GRACE AND LOVE

CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

All-Church Camp Out (see page 3)

SUNDAY, JULY 1

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

1:30 P.M. CYF to Olson's,

1009 Illsley

MONDAY, JULY 2

6:30 P.M. CYF Tennis Tourney

Harding High School

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

Church Office Closed

THURSDAY, JULY 5

9:00 A.M. Unbounded Love

9:00 A.M. Power & Light

7:30 P.M. Evenings for Couples

7:30 P.M. Unbounded Love

7:30 P.M. Power & Light

PANTRY NEEDS:

CANNED MEAT
CANNED FRUIT &
VEGETABLES
P-NUT BUTTER

Many times persons are quick to consider the God of the Old Testament as one of vengeance and judgment and the God revealed in Jesus as one of love. This easy answer does not hold up in light of the Old Testament book of Hosea which points to a God of steadfast and faithful love. Hosea depicts the constancy of God's love for his people.

Hosea does point out and admit the fickleness of the people of God. God's judgment is redemptive—it is not to destroy but to heal. The love of God in the earlier chapters of Hosea is in the image of a husband and wife and then in the 11th chapter as a father and son.

Read the book of Hosea in preparation for worship at 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. this coming Sunday. The sermon will be HOSEA: OPTIMISM OF GRACE.

Enjoy the singing of worship -- join in prayers and giving -- meet Jesus at the Table -- let the word of God speak to life.

See you Sunday!

SERVING JULY 1

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and
William Franklin
10:45 A.M. Barbara Short and
Ben Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SW, J.
Stucky-NW, A. Lee, D. Church
10:45 A.M. C. Cline-SW, S. Wat-
son-NE, H. Stevenson-NW, R.
Flickinger-SE, M. Akers, M.
Tobias, S. Allen, J. Bickel

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
S. Keebortz, T. Sauerwein
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, G. Bozarth, R.
Jackson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Delores Keebortz

ACOLYTE

10:45 A.M. H. Jenkins

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. A. Lee
10:45 A.M. D. & S. Thompson,
L. Sauerwein, T. Smith

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: M203 Mr. Arthur Mowery
428 Miss Kim Campbell
PARKVIEW: S203 Mrs. Anne Shirley

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CARING

Over two weeks ago, Mrs. Imogene Burgamy, the sister of Joyce Crowe was badly burned in a fire which destroyed her home and took the lives of her husband and daughter. Mrs. Burgamy needs our prayers and our cards and notes of encouragement. They may be addressed to:

Mrs. Imogene Burgamy
c/o Rockdale County Hospital
1412 Millstead Ave.
Conyers, GA 30207

WEDDING BY PASTOR

David Arthur Springer and Mel-
anie Gail Baugher on June 24,
1979. They are residing at 222
Dunkelburg Road, Box 536, 19,
747-6018.

FUNERAL BY PASTOR

Elizabeth A. Fellers on June
26, 1979. Sympathy is extended
to the three children and the
brother and sister and families.

TO LUTHERAN HOME

Mrs. Alyce Fuchshuber is now
in Room 406 of the Lutheran Home
instead of the University Park
Nursing Center.

THANK YOU NOTE:

Dear Friends:

We find words inadequate to
thank you for the many loving
gestures and months of planning
for Ron's ordination service.
Ron and Debbie have been inspir-
ed by the leadership and member-
of First Christian through their
seminary years.

Sunday's service was the high-
light! Beautiful, meaningful
and so very humbling. We thank
you all for showing your Christ-
ian love in your many varied
ways.

What an inspiration for two
young people off to lead our
future generations.

With love and appreciation.

Sue and Ed Allen

(Ed. Note: Ron Connerly was in-
stalled as the Pastor of First
Christian Church in Barbarton
Ohio on June 24th.)

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

The Christian Education Department wishes to give a special "thank you" to all those who helped with our Vacation School the past two weeks. Persons helping in some way included: Connie and Vincent Wells, administrators; Laura Peter, Helen Williams, Elinor Place, Sharon Pauley, Nancy Harter, Sherri Crawford, Becky Stucky, and Marge Lehman, teachers; Melissa Orr, Sherri Melchi, Dawn Ketner, and Kristin Byers, youth assistants; Sara Davis, music director, and Laura Sauerwein, accompanist; Karen Flickinger, refreshments; Joan Ott, child care; Gary Childs as the Palestinian Stranger; Valerie Hall, Nila Schilling, and Linda Wiley, who came in to help as needed, making a total of 22 adults and youth helping.

We had a total of 68 children enrolled, for a grand total of 90 persons involved. Our boys and girls brought offering totaling \$50.50 to purchase a total of 420 Bible portions in native languages for children around the world who have not had access to the scriptures.

USHERS FOR NEW YEAR:

We rejoice in our regular ushers of George Bruckman, Donald Smith, Andrew Cook, Robert Chevalier, and Homer Stevenson. The rotating crew for the coming year includes: 8:15 Worship: Scott Keebortz, Tim Sauerwein, Tim Evans, Wade Smith, Bill DeVinney, Mark Pontius, Dan Dickey, and Tony Evans. 10:45 Worship: Gene Bozarth, Richard

CAMP OUT

The first all-church camp out of the year is this coming weekend, June 29-July 1 at Chain-of-Lakes State Park. There will be a potluck dinner on Saturday evening, followed by a camp fire and worship complete with communion. Persons not attending the full camp out are invited to come join us for this portion.

Families and groups going on the camp out include: The Ed Jenkins family, the Bob Pauley family, the Jim Stucky family, the John Briggs family, Peg Buskirk and Miriam Bixenman, Eunice Conrad and Sally Rudy and the Chi Rho Fellowship along with their sponsors, Sylvia Smith and Bruce Lehman. In addition both Laura Peter and Gary Childs will be going for portions of the Camp Out.

If you have not already made a reservation and wish to do so, please contact Rose Jenkins 456-6652 or Miriam Bixenman in the church office immediately. Miriam Bixenman and Laura Peter will be in charge of the camp fire worship, and Laura Peter is charge of the Sunday morning Bible Study.

Jackson, Mike Callahan, John Glasgow, Randy Hunt, Bill Kerley, Bruce and Steve Grimm. We thank these for their dependability and efforts!

PENTECOST OFFERING

\$550 was given for this special Outreach Offering during June. We thank each one who has shared in this significant offering for others.

LEADERSHIP SHIFTS

We salute congregational leaders who are ending terms of office and responsibilities. Ending terms on the Board of Trustees as of June 30 are: Ramona Ketner, secretary; Ralph Church, Chrm'n of Worship & Pastoral Relations; Representatives to the Board: Robert Johnson, Janet Weicker, Peg Buskirk, Carol Cline, Ruth Plummer, and Mel Busse.

Ending terms on the Board of Elders are: Merle Grimm, Glenn Miller, Fred Smell, and Janet Weicker.

Ending terms on the Board of Diaconate are: Cory Church, Rocky Baugher, Marvin Crouse, Gary Falbe, Rosemary Krull, Elinor Place, Donald Short, and Susan Thompson.

Coming on the Board of Trustees are: Carolyn Falbe, Rolland Riple, Ben Taylor, Jack Bickel, Richard Johnson, Mildred Hutchinson, Pat Mullen, Nila Schilling, Jerry Zimmerman, and Jeff Young.

Continuing on the Board with new terms are Ron Flickinger, George Davis, Mildred Hartman, Robert Orr, Rose Jenkins, Ed Allen, George Bruckman.

Coming on the Board of Elders are: Ralph Church, Bill Johnson, Ben Taylor, Dean Widler and Cecil Rice as Elder Emeritus.

Coming on the Board of Diaconate are: Jack Bickel, Ron Flickinger, Rom Harter, Rose Jenkins, Jim Stucky, Val Taylor, Monty Tobias, Susie Watson, Jeff Johnson, and Homer Stevenson.

SOFTBALL GAME

There will be a softball game between the Young Couples Class and the YES Group on July 8. More details in next week's TIDINGS.

JARVIS COLLEGE CHOIR CONCERT

Over 200 persons were present for the Jarvis Christian College Choir Concert on the 19th. \$35 was received in the offering for the college and was mailed this week especially for the construction of a new chapel above tour costs.

The congregation was very responsive to the choir. Thanks expressed to all who prepared food for the Tuesday evening meal; the YES Group for hosting and cleaning up; and the various homes opened for members to sleep and receive Wednesday breakfast. Thanks for a most excellent occasion in our fellowship.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

JULY 1 - JULY 7, 1979

Schellie Schell (1)
Marilyn Butler (1)
Steve Kreischer (2)
Sue Skelton (2)
Monette Wetzel (2)
Shirley Dibble (3)
Martha Cole (4)
Michael Coleman (4)
Mai Pauley (5)
Terry Wuthrick (5)
Richard Johnson (6)
Miles Zimmerman (6)
Eunice Parker (7)
Louis Chasar (7)
Glenna Smith (7)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER DURING JULY

Dr. Ronald S. & Edith Seaton,
Willis F. Pierce Memorial Hospital,
Wai, Maharashtra, 412803,
India.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 8

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
1:30 P.M. YES Group & Young
Couples Softball and Potluck
Dinner, Harters, 1321 Putnam
7:30 P.M. Board of Diaconate

MONDAY, JULY 9

6:30 P.M. CYF at Briggs,
5807 Fernwood

7:00 P.M. Visiting

TUESDAY, JULY 10

7:30 P.M. Lay Personnel

THURSDAY, JULY 11

9:00 A.M. Power & Light
9:30 A.M. Unbounded Love
7:30 P.M. Power & Light

PANTRY NEEDS: CRACKERS, POWDERED
MILK, CANNED SOUP, VEGETABLES,
TUNA

which sometimes adds to the first Sunday. This helped greatly and cut our running deficit to \$3,498.82. We need an average of \$3,015.50 each Sunday before we catch up on our past!

Our budget goal is not an empty figure--it represents basic operating costs which continue on regularly and demands our faithful and regular support. In operating funds we need the following for Sunday, July 8:

UNPAID TO STAFF ON 7/1	\$600.00
SECOND SUNDAY SALARIES	762.00
CURRENT BILLS	1,042.65
FROM OPERATING FUNDS	<u>\$2,404.65</u>

GIVING SHORTAGE HURTS!

Through May 6, our 1979 giving had equalled our budgeted needs. Then giving slumped heavily during May and some during June. We entered July \$5,113.89 short of weekly needs.

The crunch came when the treasure went to write checks for the first Sunday of July before leaving for an eight day vacation. Based on past giving on first Sundays he left unpaid \$600 due the pastor and Minister of Education and \$809.62 in operating bills. This shortage in giving has also caused us to be behind three checks or \$1,675 in our regular outreach support.

Announcement of the situation was made during worships on Sunday and our Budget giving for the day totaled \$4,630.57. It is recognized that we have many monthly givers

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SERVING JULY 8

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and
Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Robert Rayl and
Bert Leversee

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Place-SW, M. Hut-
chinson-NW, B. Pauley, J. Young

10:45 A.M. L. York-SW, C. Crowe-
SE, E. Conrad-NW, M. Finkhousen-
NE, V. Taylor, R. Jenkins, G. Davis,
D. Allen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
Tim Evans, W. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, M. Callahan, J.
Glasgow

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. M. Hartman - V. Taylor
W. Franklin - C. Cline
C. Ludwig - T. Harter

ACOLYTE

10:45 A.M. H. Jenkins

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Delores Keebortz

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: M201 Mr. Arthur Mowery
PARKVIEW: S203 Mrs. Anne Shirley

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Mrs. Ruby Mowery and family
in the death of her mother, Fern
Underhill, on June 27 in Bluffton.

WEDDING BY PASTOR

David Robert Showronski and Joan
Marie Ehinger on 6/30/79. They
are residing at 6019 Salsbury Dr.
16, 447-7117.

WEDDING OF MEMBER

Dwight Davis and Carole Lee on
6/16/79 at First Christian Church
in Kendallville. They are resid-
ing at Rt. 2, Avila, 46710, 897-3905.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

MR. and MRS. RODGER HENDRICK-
SON, 4836 Manistee, 15, identi-
fied as a part of our community
of faith on Sunday. Rodger came
in recommitment and transfer
from the Trinity United Metho-
dist Church and Linda similarly
from the Gospel Temple. He is
employed at General Electric,
but has been off work for three
months following back surgery.
They are the parents of Dennis,
age 7; Phillip, age 5; and Randy
age 3. Linda is the daughter of
Gladys Harshbarger and the sis-
ter of Lelia McBride, who made
commitments this spring.

IMPORTANT BOARD DATES:

BOARD OF DIACONATE - 7:30 P.M.
this Sunday, July 8

BOARD OF ELDERS - 7:30 P.M.
Tuesday, July 31

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 7:30 P.M.
Tuesday, August 7

SOFTBALL THIS SUNDAY!

The YES Group vs the Young
Couples Group at Tom and Nancy
Harters this Sunday, July 8 at
1:30 P.M. A Potluck Dinner will
follow. The YES Group will meet
on the parking lot at 1:15 P.M.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

Imogene Burgamy, sister of
Joyce Crowe, who has serious
burns; Deanna Brink, daughter
of Dean and Elsie Widler with
surgery on 7/5; Ruth Tripplet,
the mother of Rosemary Krull,
with critical cancer; Linda
Kirtley, the daughter of Jessie
Fern Woodward, seriously ill
in Kansas City.

The normal schedule for outreach calls for \$1,500 for Basic Mission Finance on the second Sunday of each month. As money is received, 74.5% is allocated for operating and 25.5% for outreach.

The challenge is out for every member and friend to give proportionately and regularly as God has provided resources. We need some catch up and some special extra giving right now! None of us can do it all - All are needed to undergird the support of the church and its ministry and mission!

SENIOR CITIZENS NOTICE

The Senior Center at Grace United Church of Christ, in which FCC is one of seven churches cooperating, is planning a trip to Huntington for dinner and to hear the German Band of which Don Parlette is a member. The trip is planned for the evening of Friday, July 13. Cost will be your own meal. Contact Miriam Bixenman in the office by Monday, July 9. We also urge you to try the Center for a noon meal (free will gift) and fellowship. The food is excellent!

ADDITIONAL CAMP & CONFERENCE

REGISTRANTS

Eric Baugher is registered for 7th & 8th Grade Camp at Barbee from July 23-28. Anne Lee and Mai Paul-ey are registered for High School Conference at Barbee from July 29 to August 4.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC THIS MONTH!

Sunday, July 29 at Macmillan Park will be our All-Church Picnic. A Potluck Dinner will be shared at 1:00 P.M. Bring the family and come for this Church Picnic--all members and friends invited. Many found this an excellent time last year to become acquainted, to visit, and to play together.

CYF NEWS:

The CYF Group is into the swing of summer as activities have been planned and are being carried out. Monday night was chosen for meeting night and 6:30 for time.

A Swimming Party is scheduled at the Briggs home, 5807 Fernwood, on July 9 at 6:30 P.M.

Fund raising projects are being planned with a goal of HAWAII IN 1980 to be reached!

The High Light for the summer is a trip to Cedar Point planned for August 8. This will be an all-day event.

CAMP OUTS

The next all church Family Camp Out will be at Twin Mills Camp Ground (Near Howe, Indiana). Dates for this camp out are July 20, 21 & 22. John and Betty Briggs are in charge of arrangements. Camp sites with electricity are \$6.50 per night, including tax. Let the Briggs or Miriam Bixenman know if you will be going.

JUNE AVERAGES: Worship - 284; Church School - 124;
Through-the-Week Education - 131;
Budget Giving - \$2,500.16
ADDITION DURING JUNE: Eric Zimmerman

D.M.A. ON TRIPS

Our D.M.A. Group is sponsoring out of town bus trips in each of the coming four months.

On July 24 to a Cherry Furniture Factory in Homer, the Durbin Hotel in Rushville for lunch, and the Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary at Connorsville.

On August 14 to see "THE KING AND I" at the Wagon Wheel Playhouse in Warsaw.

On September 25 to the Sechler Pickle Factory in St. Joe and to Grabil to eat and browse.

On October 16 to Frankenmuth, Michigan for the Christmas Decorations and Shops.

Reservations are needed NOW for the first two trips. The bus fare on July 24 is \$8 per person and the combined bus fare and musical ticket on August 14 is \$8. Names are needed in the church office as soon as possible. Both are on a first-come, first-serve basis. It is most helpful to turn in money with the reservations since the bus company must be paid two weeks in advance.

At "THE SAMPLER" in Homer we will see a 30 minute slide show of cherry furniture making and browse in the showroom. We will have lunch on our own at the hotel in Rushville and then move on to the Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary owned by the Indiana Audubon Society. Bus boarding is 8:00 A.M. and return is 5:30 P.M.

We will board at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, August 14th for THE KING AND I at Warsaw and return after the show.

COME AND BRING OTHERS for these trips and relationships!

BAPTISM SERVICE SUNDAY

Eric Zimmerman will be baptized during our worship at 10:45 A.M. this Sunday. The sermon for both hours will be: "ISAIAH: ABSOLUTE TRUST IN GOD" based on Isaiah 1-39. Doug Rogers is the soloist for Sunday.

CIRCLE YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, September 30 will be Celebration Sunday honoring Mrs. Miriam Bixenman who retires as of that day from the professional ministry. Special Worship at 10:30 A.M. (Church School at 9:15 A.M.) and a dinner at noon for all.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER JULY 8 - 14

George Ludwig (8)
Lola Miller (8)
Mary Louise Howell (8)
David Griggs (9)
David Kreischer (9)
Connie Knight (10)
Sandra Meadows (10)
Esther Clipp (11)
Mary Anne Helney (11)
Bob Johnson (11)
Jeff Johnson (12)
Laurell Cole (12)
Ralph Keller (12)
David Pence (12)
Anna Tracy (12)
Ina Smith (14)
Darvin Tomes (14)
Cecil Rice (14)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER DURING JULY:

Dr. Ronald S. & Edith Seaton
in India serving at the Willis F.
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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JULY 14

9:00 A.M. Call for Help

Building Work Day

SUNDAY, JULY 15

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

3:00 P.M. Harmony Class Picnic

Franke Park

MONDAY, JULY 16

7:00 P.M. Visiting

TUESDAY, JULY 17

7:30 P.M. Bixenman Celebration

Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

7:30 P.M. Y.E.S. Bible Study

THURSDAY, JULY 19

9:00 A.M. Power & Light

9:30 A.M. Unbounded Love

7:30 P.M. Power & Light

FRIDAY, JULY 20

6:00 P.M. All-Church Camp Out

Twin Mills

PANTRY NEEDS:

CRACKERS, POWDERED MILK,
CANNED SOUP, VEGETABLES, TUNA

WORSHIP IS CENTRAL

We believe that the corporate worship of the congregation is central both for the life of the individual believer in Jesus and for the life of the Christian congregation. This centrality needs expression regularly in order to both give and receive in worship. Thus, it is expected that each disciple will meet his Lord at His Table each Lord's Day.

A classic verse from the prophet Micah will highlight our Sunday morning worship on the 15th, namely, *"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?....He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"* (Micah 6:6-8)

Rebecca Stucky is soloist both hours.

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Call for Sunday evening worship--Several persons have raised concern since our evening Sunday worship ended about a year ago. Interested persons are asked to gather at 8:00 P.M. on Sunday July 22 in the parlor to discuss and possible plan for Sunday evening worship possible.
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SERVING JULY 15

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman and
J. Church

10:45 A.M. J. Wiley and
D. Widler

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Busse-SW, C. Hetrick-NW, E. Brown, K. Lee

10:45 A.M. R. Johnson-SW, T. Harter-SE, R. Flickinger, J. Jump-NE, W. Bowen, J. Johnson, B. Mettler, B. Hendricks

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, B. DeVinney, M. Pontius

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, R. Hunt, B. Kerley

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mildred Hutchinson & Val Taylor

ACOLYTE

10:45 A.M. S. Jones

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. N. Schilling

10:45 A.M. L. Wiley, C. Falbe,
M. Pauley

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW:

S203 - Mrs. Anne Shirley

LUTHERAN:

M201 - Mr. Arthur Mowery

TO NURSING CARE:

Mrs. Edna Clark is now in the Heritage Manor Nursing Home on Winchester Road south of Lower Huntington, Room 118. Mrs. Alyce Fuchshuber is now in Room 119 at the Lutheran Home.

CALL FOR HELP:

We need help with ladders and gutter and downspout cleaning this Saturday morning at 9:00 A.M. Help is needed!

DEAR CHURCH FRIENDS:

Thank you so much for the service, stoles, reception, blessings, and support. There has been no better way to start a ministry.

*Yours in Christ,
Ron & Deb*

CALL FOR DONATED TOOLS:

The church is trying to accumulate basic working tools for the custodian room. Donations of tools from home or garage sales would be welcomed!

CONGRATULATIONS ON ANNIVERSARY:

Donald and Sarah Smith celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on Tuesday, July 3, 1979.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MEMBER:

To Dean Howard who was installed as the national president of the Bandmaster's Association of the Shrine Bands of our country. We salute him and his band!

YOUTH CONFERENCE COUNSELOR:

Debi White has been added as a counselor for High School Conference, July 29-Aug. 4 at Barbee.

THANK YOU:

The family of Dimiter Dan Nedelkoff gratefully acknowledges your kind expression of sympathy.

Becky, Father & Mrs. Nedelkoff

WEEK OF COMPASSION REPORTS:

Thousands homeless, hungry, Nicaragua. Situation worse Managua than after earthquake when 10,000 killed. Disease rampant. International appeals for aid. Your W of C offering has already responded through Church World Service. CWS in April sent \$20,000 to CEPAD (church relief agency Nicaragua) to buy locally tons of corn, rice, beans, cooking oil. Additional food commodities sent ocean freight. Blankets sent earlier. (Mennonite Central Committee sent 100,000 lbs. milk powder. European churches also contributing.)

We normally give as a part of our budgeted outreach support \$175 each month to underwrite the Week of Compassion ministries of the Disciples of Christ.

Y.E.S. GROUP BIBLE STUDY-GROWTH GROUP:

Excitement came out of the first night of this gathering. The group is studying the New Testament book Ephesians each Wednesday evening at 7:30 P.M. in the Church Parlor. All young singles are warmly invited to join the action.

PROGRESS--KEEP HELPING!

Budget Goal for 1979	\$156,806.00
Weekly Needed	3,015.50
Received on July 8	3,847.61
Needed 27 Sundays	81,418.50
Received 27 Sundays	78,751.79
Shortage to Date	2,666.71

We have caught up considerable the last two Sundays--Give generously and proportionately so that we can be current with all bills paid regularly and on time.

COMING D.M.A. TRIP--JULY 24:

27 are now signed up for the trip coming up on Tuesday, July 24. We will leave here at 8:00 A.M. for THE SAMPLER, a cherry furniture factory in Homer, Indiana. There we will share a 30 minute slide presentation on the process of cherry furniture making and browse in the display store. We will stop at the Durbin Hotel in Rushville for lunch--This was the national campaign headquarters for Wendell Wilkie in 1940. Then we will go to the Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary near Connorsville which is owned by a nephew of the late Hugh Rice of our congregation.

Cost is \$8 for the bus and lunch will be on each participant. Registrations along with money are needed now in the church office. We have bus room for 47 and desire to have a full load. We will return between 5:00 and 6:00 P.M. on our Indiana Motor Bus.

We are also encouraging early sign up for "THE KING AND I" musical at the Wagon Wheel Playhouse at Warsaw on the night of August 14. \$8 is cost for both bus and musical ticket. We will leave at 6:30 P.M.

HOUSE SITTING:

Does anyone desire House Sitting the first two weeks of August. Gary Childs has done this at Davises and Hartzlers and needs a place to stay from July 30 to August 13. Contact Church office.

SOUTHWEST FORT WAYNE SENIOR CENTER:

We are providing two volunteers each day this week to help at the South West Senior Center at Grace United Church of Christ. Those serving this time include: Mark and Pauline Snyder, Irene Fox, Helen Foltz, Amelia Dare and her granddaughter, Grace Truby, Arza Smith, and Miriam Bixenman. Programs are beginning to develop at the center. Next Monday, July 16, we will enjoy another sing along of old songs with Vee Parlette at the piano, beginning at 11:15. Wednesdays are craft days, Mondays and Fridays game days. Starting in September, regular classes will begin. Be sure to call 423-1523 twenty four hours in advance to make your luncheon reservation. Let's all go Monday and give Vee our support as she serves in this way.

ALL CHURCH CAMP OUT:

The second all church camp out is July 20, 21, & 22 at Twin Mills Camp Ground near Howe, Indiana. There are many sports and activities provided on this camp ground. John and Betty Briggs are in charge of reserving sites (\$6.50 per night with electricity). Call them (478-1012) or Miriam Bixenman in the church office for reservations before July 17. Signed up to date are: The Briggs, the Ben Taylors, the Bob Pauleys, and Peggy Buskirk and Miriam Bixenman. There will again be a shared pot luck meal on Saturday evening, followed by camp fire worship complete with communion. On Sunday morning, we will attend the camp worship service, which is ecumenically sponsored.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

JULY 15 - 21:

Jolene Dickey (15)	Greg Allen
John Steigerwald (15)	(19)
Max Geiselman (16)	Warren Webster (21)
Thelma Swift (17)	
Donald Johnson (17)	
George Davis (18)	

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER

DURING JULY:

Dr. Ronald S. & Edith Seaton
in India serving at the Willis
F. Pierce Memorial Hospital.

ERROR ON PAGE 3

In the Article about the D.M.A. trip a line was dropped. The Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary is owned by the Indiana Audubon Society and managed by the nephew of the Rices.

COUPLES DEFEAT SINGLES:

The challenge soft ball game last Sunday was won by the Young Couples over the Y.E.S. Group by a score of 16-8. 35 shared in the fun of the game and the picnic following at the Tom Harters.

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bilities. During the 6 years of our Celebration worship, at least 41 persons came into our congregation because of this worship opportunity and others had significant changes through its impact. Any and all are invited to come on the 22nd to plan ahead!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY,

JULY 20, 21 & 22 - All Church

Camp Out - Twin Mills

SUNDAY, JULY 22

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

8:00 P.M. Evening Worship

Meeting

MONDAY, JULY 23

6:30 P.M. CYF to Harter's

4922 Knoll Road

TUESDAY, JULY 24

8:00 A.M. DMA Bus Trip

7:30 P.M. Search Committee

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

7:30 P.M. YES Group Bible Study

THURSDAY, JULY 26

9:30 A.M. JOB Class

7:30 P.M. Power & Light

7:30 P.M. JOB Class

PANTRY NEEDS: SOUP, CANNED VEGE-
TABLES, CANNED FRUIT, P-NUT BUT-
TER, CEREAL, CRACKERS, JELLO

ALL CHURCH PICNIC - SUNDAY, JULY
29 AT 1:00 P.M. at MACMILLAN
PARK SHELTER. Bring covered
dish and table service.

HURTING AND HEALING

Dr. Cline will turn to basic life issues of hurting and healing on July 22 and 29 in his sermons.

Sometimes we cry out, "Why death?" "Why suffering?" or "Why Me?" A hospital chaplain said that the most popular pamphlet picked up was entitled, "What Have I Done to Deserve This?"

Even Jesus cried out on the cross, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me!" In this statement he was speaking to God himself about his forsakenness and he is turning to and addressing God.

Our hurts are as personal as our thumb prints, but healing is as much religious as medical. Can we find our help from beyond that will bring wholeness, healing, and restoration of mind and body.

Morton Kelsey in HEALING AND CHRISTIANITY affirms, "The most important reason that Jesus healed was that he cared about people and suffered when they did. The root meaning of compassion is just this: to know suffering together. He could not care without wanting to show mercy and help. He was opposed to sickness because it caused needless suffering."

SERVING JULY 22

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and
Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. William Johnson and
Margaret Love

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. A. Lee-SW, D. Church-
NW, D. Keebortz, J. Stucky

10:45 A.M. K. Taylor-SW, S. Sch-
eill-NW, S. Hayes-SE, M. Akers-NE,
R. Flickinger, C. Cline, H. Steven-
son, S. Watson

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
M. Pontius, W. DeVinney

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, R. Hunt, B. Kerley

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. J. Church - S. Watson

B. Short - J. Stucky

M. Snyder - M. Tobias

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mildred Hutchison - Val Taylor

ACOLYTE

10:45 A.M. Shannon Jones

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Y.E.S. Group

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Schilling

10:45 A.M. M. & D. Brian, B.
Finkhausen

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: M201 Mr. Arthur Mowery

789 Mrs. Judy Dailey

M209 Mr. Charles McGrew

PARKVIEW: S203 Mrs. Anne Shirley

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP????

Persons interested in or desir-
ing other-then-Sunday-morning-wor-
ship are invited this Sunday at
8:00 P.M. to share concerns and
possible directions!

ATTENTION DIACONATE

Home Communion Assignees are
expected at 9:00 A.M. in the
kitchen.

Early Worship Assignees need
to move their name tags outside
the office by 8:10 A.M. and pro-
cess at the same time as chance
participants.

Diaconate members serving at
10:45 A.M. should move their
name tags to the center before
the service on the board in the
NE Narthex and then wait until
the first stanza of the Commu-
nion Hymn to move to the Narthex.
Do not move out during the Invi-
tation Hymn.

CORRECTION LAST WEEK

In the article on Sunday even-
ing worship a number was wrong.
At least "four" not forty-one,
were a part of our fellowship
directly because of Celebration
Worship over the 6 years. It
was determinative for this mini-
mum number although other new
members were influenced in part
toward our church by it.

C.Y.F. CHALLENGED TO VOLLEY BALL GAME!

Our CYF is invited to Steve &
Tana Harter's at 6:30 P.M. on
Monday, July 23, to play Saturn
Christian's CYF in Volley Ball.
It is at 4922 Knoll Rd. with a
hotdog roast afterwards. Bring
a covered dish--hotdogs, buns,
drinks, and table service fur-
nished.

FAMILY CAMP OUT

Last call for registering for the Family Camp Out at Twin Mills Camp Ground! Contact John and Betty Briggs immediately if you wish to go on the All-Church Family Camp Out this weekend. Gary Childs and Miriam Bixenman will be in charge of Saturday evening Camp Fire Worship and the entire group will attend the ecumenical worship service sponsored by the camp on Sunday morning. To reach Twin Mills, take route 3 north to Kendallville. Just north of Kendallville, turn west (left) on route 6 and go about 4 miles to route 9. Turn north (right) on route 9 to Howe, Indiana and there turn left on route 120. You will see signs advertizing Twin Mills. Go about 2 miles on 120. On the left you will see two twin windmills and on the right is the office of the camp grounds. Check in there. Sites for all those registered will have been reserved.

JOINT SINGLES PARTY

Our Y.E.S. Group and the Saturn's Growing Edge will have a final together night for the summer on Sunday, August 5. It will be held at the home of Karla Kauffman on 800 S in Whitley County just west of the Saturn Church. They have a pond in the woods where there will be swimming beginning at 3:30 P.M. followed by games and a campfire sing. Meat will be furnished along with iced tea and lemonade. Bring one covered dish and your own table service. Either go directly or meet at the Clines at 3:15 P.M. to go in a group.

TWO FILES ADDED TO LIBRARY

Our Library now houses a very complete picture file. Laura Peter, our summer intern, has arranged and catagorized this file. Pictures in the file may be borrowed by anyone. They do not need to be checked out. These pictures are suitable for worship centers, class room teaching, etc. Simply pick up the picture you want, and when you finish with it, return it to the file.

In addition, Eunice Conrad has worked and catalogued our cassette tapes. These are in cassette carousels and are listed in a card file. Check the file for tapes you would like to borrow, sign your name on a sheet provided in the library, along with the date you are taking the tape, then get the tape or tapes you wish from the carousel. Return these to the table in the library for the librarian to refile, just as you do books.

Many thanks to Laura and Eunice!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

July 22-28, 1979

Jane Hahn (22)	Woody Klepfer
Tom Harter (22)	(26)
Mary Wilhelm (23)	Sue Kiger (26)
Cora McKinney (23)	Paul Girdner
Forrest Smith (24)	(27)
Edith Roush (24)	Mark Pontius (27)
James Leshner (25)	Lee Crowell (27)
Marianne Howard (25)	Ruth Neal (27)
	Kevin Bozarth (28)

OVERSEAS STAFF: Dr. Ronald &

Edith Seaton

PANTRY REPORT

Recently several new members have asked about our weekly listing for food in THE TIDINGS. In February of 1972, FCC worked out an agreement with the Allen County Department of Welfare for our Pantry Program.

When their social workers encounter an emergency need for food or clothing for a child which can not be met in their usual channels, we have persons on call who will come and prepare the basic groceries for a three days supply to care for the family. This is a one-time referral and repeat referrals are avoided. Thus the basic decision of need is with the social worker.

Our women stock the pantry and fill grocery bags of a variety of food suitable for the family referred. We stock our Pantry from food donations left in THE PANTRY boxes in Fellowship Hall or from special gifts which are used to purchase the food. In recent years, special gifts have covered food costs rather than local outreach of the budget. The appreciation of the Welfare department has been seen as they have used their Christmas party as a time for food stocking of our Pantry. The following is the report from January 1 until June 30, 1979:

REFERRALS:	44
Adults Served	52
Children Served	126
TOTAL MEALS PROVIDED	1,557
CLOTHING - Children -	2

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Val Taylor is chairwoman of the Pantry Program and the current staffing is done by Anne Shirley, Mary Lou Hartzler, Ruby Mowery, Barb Busse, Joan Ott, Rose Jenkins, Nila Schilling, Ellyn Kreischer, Betty Grimm, Irene Current Fox, and Val Taylor.

Former chairpersons include: Marilyn Frappier and Betty Grimm.

FINAL CAMP LISTING

14 youth and 7 counselors are involved in the camp and conference program of the Christian Church in Indiana from First Christian this summer. Our only regret is that we did not send twice as many youth!

BARBEE - June 25-30

YOUTH: Janice Benny & Heather Jenkins. STAFF: Laura Peter
INDIAN LAKE - July 16-21

STAFF: Gary Childs
BARBEE - July 16-21
YOUTH: Julie Briggs. STAFF: Bruce Lehman

BARBEE - July 23-28
YOUTH: Eric Baugher, Bob Briggs, Kristin Byers, Julie Cook, Dawn Ketner, Scott Johnson, Melissa Orr. STAFF: Laura Peter

CANOE WEEKEND - July 26-29
STAFF: Betty Briggs
BARBEE - July 29 - August 4
YOUTH: Tim Briggs, Anne Lee, Mai Pauley, STAFF: Debi White, Connie Wells

TRAIL CAMP IN SMOKIES - August 5-11
YOUTH: Eric Jenkins

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JULY 27

7:30 P.M. Christian Education
Committee

SUNDAY, JULY 29

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
1:00 P.M. All-Church Picnic
McMillen Park

MONDAY, JULY 30

7:30 P.M. CYF Clean up Project
in Nursery

TUESDAY, JULY 31

7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

9:30 A.M. JOB Class

7:30 P.M. JOB Class

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The July and August meeting
will be on Tuesday, August 7
at 7:30 P.M. This will be the
first meeting of our new board.
It is important for every mem-
ber to be present.

PANTRY NEEDS: POWDERED MILK,
CRACKERS, P-NUT BUTTER, SOUP,
CANNED FRUIT, CANNED VEGETABLES

ALL CHURCH PICNIC

All are urged to join in the pic-
nic this Sunday at 1:00 P.M. at
McMillen Park Shelter. Bring cov-
ered dishes suitable for the family
plus table service and drinks.
After the shared meal, the full
facilities of the park are avail-
able for play and recreation.
Some are planning another ball-
game similar to last year.

This is a time to become acquain-
ted and to relate in an informal
atmosphere. We can talk and play
together as well as worship and
study and serve. Come One! Come
All! This Sunday, July 29th at
1:00 at McMillen Park between Mc-
Kinnie and Oxford west of Hessen
Cassel.

MINISTRY OF HEALING

"Why Me?" was faced in last Sun-
day's sermon dealing with hurting
and suffering. This week we move
to the task of "THE MINISTRY OF
HEALING" -- Share in our worship
hours at either 8:15 or 10:45 A.M.
Ed and Rose Jenkins are singing a
duet both hours.

SERVING JULY 29

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Rolland Ripple and

Margaret Love

10:45 A.M. William Johnson and

William Love

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Pauley-SW, J. Young-

NW, K. Place, M. Hutchison

10:45 A.M. M. Tobias-SW, S. Allen-

SE, J. Bickel-NE, E. Conrad-NW, L.

York, C. Crowe, M. Finkhousen, V.

Taylor

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,

S. Keebortz, T. Sauerwein

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,

H. Stevenson, G. Bozarth, R.

Jackson

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ACOLYTE

10:45 A.M. Shannon Jones

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Stucky

10:45 A.M. D. & B. Short, D.

Ketner

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW: 301 Mr. Richard Mory

449 Mrs. Ressie Anita Ehresman

S202 Jim Shirley

LUTHERAN: M201 Mr. Arthur Mowery

621 Mr. Bob Pauley

240 Mr. Ed Hall

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Ruby Cline and family in the death of her sister, Midge Iverson, on 7/17/79 in Indianapolis.

THANKS FOR RESPONSE

Thanks for the several who offered housing for Gary Childs' last two weeks with us. He will be close by the church house-sitting at the home of Dorothy Schmidt.

IMPORTANT BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING

The Board of Elders will meet at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, July 31 in the Conference Room to deal with the following:

1. Elder Orientation
2. Shepherding Program
3. Long Range Planning
4. Date for future meetings

Expected are: Robert Orr, Margaret & Bill Love, Robert Rayl, Jack Weicker, Judy & Ralph Church, Robert Johnson, Bert Leversee, Rolland Ripple, George Bruckman, Barbara Short, Joe Wiley, William Franklin, Mildred Hartman, Charles Ludwig, Mark Snyder, William Johnson, Ben Taylor, Dean Widler, Miriam Bixenman, and Harold Cline. Invited are also William Caldwell, William Crouse, and Cecil Rice.

MEMBERS SERVING ELSEWHERE

Virginia Johnson has accepted the position of Choir Director at Aldersgate United Methodist Church and Susan Jones was installed on July 15th as organist at South Wayne United Methodist Church.

WE NEED ALL TO HELP!

BUDGET GOAL	\$156,806.00
Weekly needed	3,015.50
Received on July 15	2,151.40
Received on July 22	2,596.87
Needed 29 Sundays	87,449.50
Received 29 Sundays	83,500.06
SHORTAGE TO DATE	3,949.44

We caught up significantly the first two Sundays of July but now have lagged some. We need the giving of all regularly and generously in light of today's inflated incomes and costs.

RESPONSE DURING INVITATION

Pat Mullen expressed a rededication of life during worship at 10:45 A.M. last Sunday. That night she wrote the following:

"Last Sunday as many of you know, I stepped forward to renew my allegiance to Jesus Christ our Lord. At that time, Dr. Cline asked me if I had a witness to share and I declined. I do have a witness to share and I wish to share it with all of you.

"Two short years ago, we moved to Fort Wayne. I came to First Christian after being away from the church for several years searching for fulfillment. I have found that fulfillment in the community of Christians.

"When I think of this church community, I think of a mother opening her arms to her child in joy and in suffering and holding that child safely against her heart. Here I have found that kind of nurture. Here I have found friendship and growth. You have provided me with a sense of worth by asking me to serve in several capacities.

"So many of you have played parts in my awakening faith. It is through you that I have come to know my Lord Jesus Christ. For this new life you have offered me, I can not thank you enough."

Pat Mullen

JOIN CONCERN FOR EVANGELISM

We are anxious to have 200 to 300 of our members become participants in the National Evangelistic Association of the Christian Church. Joining is done by supporting the purposes of the organization and giving at least \$5 per person. Special envelopes will be available at the church for memberships. Checks should be made out to First Christian Church so that we can transmit the group as a whole.

The 20 known members from First Christian include: Andy Cook, Dan & Jolene Dickey, Marge Lehman, Ralph & Judy Church, Ramona Ketner, Andy Benny, Steve Harter, Miriam Bixenman, Eunice Conrad, Mildred Hartman, Ruth Plummer, Joyce Crowe, Pat Mullen, Susie Watson, Bruce Lehman, Harold, Ruby & Chad Cline.

Dr. Cline is Vice-President of this national organization and is slated to be president for the two years following the 1979 Assembly in St. Louis. Joining N.E.A. is a vote by action to affirm evangelism among the Disciples of Christ. N.E.A. is currently seeking 10,000 members--will you join now?

Information and membership envelopes are available at each entry way to the church. Be informed--Give some money--involve yourself in sharing good news of Jesus Christ!

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Sixteen met on Sunday evening and had strong feelings for a regular Sunday evening option of worship with communion. Four homes represented had conflicts which limit or eliminate Sunday morning worship. Sunday, August 5, at

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8:00 P.M. Sunday evening worship will begin again. "Variety with stability" "Informality with occasional formal settings" "Complete experiences in one session" and "Guard against a closed corporation" were some of the sentiments expressed.

CYF CAR WASH AUGUST 4

Our parking lot will be the scene of our CYF Car Wash on Saturday, August 4.

The youth are seeking SPONSORS for this wash who will agree to give a certain sum for each of the cars washed. Sponsors may receive a free car wash.

Payment is left on a donation basis for non-sponsors who come in for a wash on the 4th. Our youth would like to wash your car on August 4.

CYF NEEDS RAGS FOR CAR WASH

The CYF would appreciate any donations of clean usable rags for their August 4 Car Wash. Rags may be left in the church office or in Fellowship Hall next to the Pantry Boxes.

CYF CLEAN UP PROJECT IN NURSERY

The CYF will be cleaning toys in the Church Nursery on Monday evening, July 30, at 6:30 P.M.

SPECIAL GIFT FUNDS

Persons wanting to give over and above for specific items can always mark gifts for projects under way. For instance, we owe \$3,761.55 on our Storm Windows which were installed last fall. Gifts for these will accelerate payment and save interest.

There is strong interest in the church owning a Mini-Bus. A Fund has been started with target date of April 1 to secure a vehicle. The Storm Window debt will need to be eliminated before the bus can be secured. Gifts are welcome!

1979 YEAR BOOK AND DIRECTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

In the General Summary and Comparative Records Section of this report for the calendar year of 1978 FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH of FORT WAYNE gained ranking among the top one hundred congregations in three areas:

No. 40 in Largest Outreach Total of which 50% or more to Christian Church units and related causes. Only three churches ranked higher had less participating members.

No. 64 in Largest Per Capita giving to outreach

No. 71 in largest contributions for operating funds for causes in Church Finance Council.

We rejoice in this witness of giving beyond ourselves for others!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

JULY 29 - AUGUST 4

James Brickley (29)

Carol Cline (29)

Lucille Welch (29)

Delmas Young (30)

Bonnie (Fusselman) Evans (30)

Carolyn Burkett (31)

Wilberta Edington (31)

Carl Smith (31)

Margaret Snouffer (1)

Mary Lou Hartzler (1)

Wanda Howell (1)

Sue Ann Ludwig (1)

Glenn Miller (1)

Dorothy Morris (2)

Betty Olson (4)

Kathryn Eich (4)

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. CYF

CAR WASH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

3:30 P.M. YES Group Swim & Pot-luck, Karla Kauffman's

8:00 P.M. Sunday Evening Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 6

7:00 P.M. Visiting

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

CYF to Cedar Point

7:30 P.M. Search Committee

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

9:30 A.M. JOB Class

7:30 P.M. JOB Class

PANTRY NEEDS: P-NUT BUTTER,
CRACKERS, CANNED FRUIT &
VEGETABLES

IALOGUE SERMONS IN WORSHIP

On August 5 and 12, our Summer interns, *Laura Peter* and *Gary Childs*, will dialogue with Dr. Cline during the Worship Hours. The 12th is the last Sunday for both of them on our summer staff.

The focus on August 5 will be on their basic Christian witness of their present pilgrimage with Jesus as Lord in their relationship with God. On August 12th, we will see some of their impulses and reactions to Christ at work in the church especially through their summer involvement. Their involvement with our Special Care persons has both been rewarding and has raised many concerns for them and forced them into searching for new answers. We can grow in our spiritual walk as we let them share out of their involvement. Dr. Cline will be questioning and seeking to tie together the direction of these dialogue sermons.

Much comment has been expressed about some special singing during worship in recent weeks--if you have hymns to request, contact Dr. Cline. Michael Hollman is our guest organist again Sunday, Gary will play the cello for Offertory, and Julie Donnell will be the soloist.

See page four for details of the Sunday Evening Worship which will begin this Sunday, August 5 at 8:00 P.M.

SERVING AUGUST 5

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and
Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Robert Orr and
William Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Brown-SW, K. Lee-
NW, M. Busse, C. Hetrick

10:45 A.M. G. Davis-SW, R. Jen-
kins-NW, W. Bowen-NE, T. Harter,
J. Johnson, J. Stucky, P. Mullen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
S. Keebortz, T. Sauerwein

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, G. Bozarth, R. Jack-
son

COMMUNION PREPARATION

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HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. R. Church - J. Bickel

R. Ripple - J. Johnson

R. Johnson - M. Finkhausen

ACOLYTE

10:45 A.M. S. Johnson

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. P. Bickel

10:45 A.M. P. Akers, B.S. John-
son, M. Orr

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: M201 Mr. Arthur Mowery

684 Mr. Bob Pauley

671 Mr. Ed Hall

M113 Mrs. Alice Mallotte

M102 Mrs. Ardith Wrisk

PARKVIEW: 320 Mr. Richard Mory

449 Mrs. Ressie Ehresman

S202 Mr. Jim Shirley

FUNERAL BY PASTOR:

Mr. Joe Siples, a member for over
55 years on July 27, 1979. Sympa-
thy is extended to the children and
families related.

CYF CAR WASH!

The CYF will be washing cars
on the Church Parking Lot this
Saturday, August 4, from 10:00
A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

You may participate in this
event in two ways: 1) Be a
CAR WASH SPONSOR. Agree to
donate \$x.xx (amount to be de-
termined by you) for every car
washed during the day. All
CAR WASH SPONSORS will be en-
titled to one free car wash.
Contact a CYF member before
Saturday (if you have not al-
ready been asked) or sign up
that day. 2) Have your car
washed and give a donation of
\$2.00 as in previous car wash-
es. Either way--support the
CYF!

THANK YOU NOTES:

Dear Friends:

Thank you for the prayers
and calls and comforting words
of Dr. Cline at the loss of my
mother and grandmother. God
Bless you all!

Arthur & Ruby Mowery
Susan & Shannon Jones

"Grateful appreciation is ex-
pressed by Imogene Burgamy,
sister of Joyce Crowe, for the
overwhelming expressions of
love--prayer, cards and con-
cern for her. God is healing
her and she should be leaving
the hospital soon. Many th-
anks to all." Joyce Crowe

WEDDING INVITATION

The Congregation has been
invited to the wedding of Wil-
liam Urich to Julie Franz on
August 18 in Orange, CA.

A LETTER FROM THE DIVISION OF OVERSEAS MINISTRIES OF THE
CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)....

Dear Christian Friends:

On Monday, July 16, the Church Finance Council distributed offerings it had received during the month of June. Among them were your two offerings of directed capital in the amount of \$275 and \$725, making a total of \$1,000, for the purchase of a vehicle in Zaire. Thank you very much for them.

Bob and Jane Williams of Mbandaka were in the DOM offices last week for conferences during their brief furlough. They brought good reports of the Girls School, which they direct, and expressed appreciation for the new VW Kombi which you are underwriting.

Please express to the members of First Church the gratitude of the Williams and their colleagues for these monthly contributions which are making possible the purchase of the vehicle for the Girls School.

Sincerely yours,
Garland Farmer, Treasurer,
Division of Overseas Ministries

NOTE OF INFORMATION:

\$1,000 has been sent in each month for this Directed giving of the Indiana ACTS Campaign. We rejoice in hearing direct word from the vehicle purchase in Zaire. During 1978 we gave \$12,000 for the Indian Lake Camp Grounds for a new entry and a reworking of the roads--this is at the point of contracts being let for the work. Our regular church giving needs to be regular and adequate so that we can continue this witness of outreach for others.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

AUGUST 5-11

Ethel King (6) Sarah Likens (10)
Ronald Elliott (8) Alice Nulff (10)
Elizabeth Moody (8)
Betty Briggs (9)
Linda Favory (9)
Charline Craig (10)
Beverly Johnston (10)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER IN AUG:

Bob & Jane Williams, Girls
School, Mbandaka, Zaire.

TO GENERAL BOARD:

Chad Cline was in Cincinnati from Saturday through Tuesday this past weekend as a regular member of the General Board. Dr. Cline went down on Sunday afternoon to represent the National Evangelistic Association for its annual report and the resolutions on evangelism for the coming Assembly.

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP-SING NIGHT

Our re-instituted Sunday Evening Worship Hour will begin at 8:00 P.M. this Sunday evening with a "Sing Out" led and accompanied by Steve Doles. Steve was a Summer Intern two years and also worked as a Student Associate another summer and some winter weekends. He is now the Assistant Chaplain at Taylor University. Come and sing along with Steve at 8:00 this Sunday the 5th. Communion is a part of each Sunday Evening Worship Hour.

DMA TRIP

On Tuesday, August 14, the DMA has 46 tickets for the musical, "THE KING AND I" at Wagon Wheel Playhouse in Warsaw. Cost is \$8 per person for the bus and ticket. We will leave promptly at 6:30 P. M.

Presently we have 34 of the 46 we need to fill the bus and use the tickets. Reservations are now for: M/M Edwin Amstutz, M/M Charlea Taylor, Mary Cook, Laverne Hunt, Delores Overmyer, Edna Vaught(2), Peg Buskirk, Miriam Bixenman, Earl & Reba Fusselman, Earl & Ruth Plummer, Walter Bowen (2), David & Ellyn Kreischer, Florence Adkins, Evelyn Shock, Ken & Elinor Place, Harold & Ruby Cline, Gwynth Rice, Evelyn Hinton, Leone Voltz, Fay Morcess, Thelma Adams, Laura Marks (2), Ann Pittenger (2).

47 persons attended the trip sponsored by this group on July 24 which toured the Cherry Furniture Display in Homer, lunched in Rushville and toured the Mary Grey Bird Sanctuary at Connorsville.

ALL-CHURCH CAMP OUT

The third and last summer all-church camp out will be Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August 10, 11 & 12. The Camp Out will be at Quabeche State Recreation Area, near Bluffton. Ben and Val Taylor are in charge of arrangements. This is a beautiful camp site, just 30 minutes or less drive from Fort Wayne. There is a lovely new swimming pool, wildlife preserve, playground, trails to hike, etc. in the park. To reach the park, go south on Route 1 to the Dutch Mill Restaurant in Bluffton. Turn left there on 124. Go to route 316, follow it to route 216, which will lead you to the entrance to the park. We need reservations, in order to reserve sufficient sites. Call Val Taylor (447-7185) or Miriam Bixenman in the church office to make your reservations. There will be a potluck dinner on Saturday night, camp fire worship about 8:00 P.M. on Saturday, complete with communion, and a one hour Bible study for families on Sunday. If you cannot come for the entire camp out, come for the dinner at 6:00 on Saturday and the camp fire worship.

CUSTODIAN ON VACATION

Fred Woodward is off this week on vacation. At his request, his hours will be decreased beginning in September as he is desiring to accelerate his work at Fort Wayne Bible College.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY

AUGUST 10, 11 & 12

All-Church Camp Out - Quabache

State Recreation Area - Bluffton

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

8:00 P.M. Evening Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild,

Pearl Heidecker, 2445 Fairfield

7:00 P.M. Visiting

7:30 P.M. Stewardship Committee

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

6:30 P.M. Bus leaves for Wagon

Wheel Playhouse in Warsaw

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

8:30 P.M. Meeting of Adults who

Work with Youth

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

8:30 A.M. JOB Class

9:30 P.M. JOB Class

ENTRANCE NEEDS: SOUP, CANNED FRUIT,
CANNED VEGETABLES, POWDERED MILK,
PEANUT BUTTER, JELLO, NOODLES

Communion and prayer are a part of this Sunday evening worship at 8:00 P.M.
A very special invitation is out to any who can not participate in the mor-
ning--all are welcome!

A Bible Study will be the focus on this second Sunday night of the month
along with communion. Bring Bibles. Dress is informal and we meet in
the parlor.

INTERNS LOOK AT CHURCH

Our Summer Interns shared their personal faith and witness last Sunday. This Sunday, the 12th, they end their time with us and they will look at Christ at work in and through the church. Their involvement has helped open their eyes to concerns and realities to face with their youthful idealism. We rejoice in the vibrant dedication to Christ at the center of Laura Peter and Gary Childs. May we allow them to stimulate all of us in our involvement in the body of Christ at work in the world for our time and generation and place.

A quartet of Ginny Johnson, Rebecca Stucky, Robert Orr, and Brett Lucas will be singing both hours.

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

27 participated last Sunday evening during a sing led by Steve Doles--11 of these had not been present in either morning hour.

Communion and prayer are a part of this Sunday evening worship at 8:00 P.M.
A very special invitation is out to any who can not participate in the mor-
ning--all are welcome!

SERVING AUGUST 12

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Rolland Ripple and
Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Dean Widler and
Margaret Love

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SW, R. Johnson-NW, A. Lee, D. Church

10:45 A.M. B. Hendricks-SW, B. Grimm-SE, B. Mettler-NW, H. Stevenson-NE, J. Jump, S. Schell, K. Taylor, S. Watson

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith
T. Evans, W. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, M. Callahan, J. Glasgow

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Laura York and Susie Warson

ACOLYTE

10:45 A.M. S. Johnson

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Stucky

10:45 A.M. L. Jump, R. Krull, K. Byers

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Tom & Nancy Harter, Betty Harter

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW: 320 Mr. Richard Mory

S202 Jim Shirley

LUTHERAN: M206 Mr. Arthur Mowery

M102 Mrs. Ardith Wrisk

562 Mr. Robert Hendricks

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH:

To Scott and Desiree Rayl, a son,
Brandon Scott, On August 3, 1979.
Paternal Grandparents are Robert &
Marilyn Rayl and Paternal Great-
Grandparents are Glenn and Lola
Miller.

IMPORTANT DAYS IN SEPTEMBER:

SEPTEMBER 9 - INSTALLATION SUNDAY
DAY for EDUCATIONAL STAFF AND AL-
BOARD MEMBERS at 8:15 or 10:45
A.M. PROMOTION SUNDAY IN CHURCH
SCHOOL.

SEPTEMBER 30 - BIXENMAN RETIRE-
MENT CELEBRATION at 10:45 A.M.
Worship and 12:15 P.M. DINNER
FOLLOWED BY RECEPTION.

FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Congratulations to our former
members, Mr. & Mrs. Neil Allen
who celebrated their 50th Wedding
Anniversary on August 10. Their
address is 4929 4th St. W. Brad-
enton, Florida, 33505.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To the family of Robert Ashe,
Jr. Mrs. Auden Gahring of
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, is his
grandmother.

GIVE TO THE GLORY OF GOD!

*Undergird the life, witness,
and mission expressed through
FCC - Generous and regular giv-
ing will insure the functioning
of our body of Christ.*

1979 BUDGET GOAL \$156,806.00

Weekly needed 3,015.50

Received on July 29 1,958.59

Received on August 5 3,582.81

NEEDED 31 SUNDAYS 93,480.50

RECEIVED 31 SUNDAYS 89,016.46

SHORTAGE TO DATE 4,464.04

*July proved we can do it! We
averaged more than weekly needs
--but we need to do that as
well as catch up shortage dur-
ing the spring. Join in the
effort to the GLORY OF GOD!*

THE DEVELOPMENT OF LISTENING AND CALLING SKILLS

The priority learning experience of First Christian Church this fall will be the Lab I Workshop on 4 weekends utilizing the training of our pastor by Dr. John Savage of Leadership Education, and Development Associates. This program is called CONserving MEMbers or COME by our Regional Office or REUNION by our General Office.

It is open to our members and friends who will participate in the weekends faithfully. The sessions will be held Friday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. and Saturdays, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on September 14 & 15; October 12 & 13; November 9 & 10; and December 7 & 8.

Cost directed for materials is \$7.50 plus the church paying \$7.50 for each participant as Leadership Education. Normal cost is \$35 per person in order to help the Region regain some of its investment in Dr. Cline's training.

These are highly programmed experiences of data presentation, skill training and practice, and observation and reflection learning. The focus of the training is to develop persons to call on inactive members, but valuable for the development of communication skills, namely; paraphrasing, perception checking, behavior description, direct expression of feelings, creative questions, fogging, story listening, story sequence listening, and life systems listening.

A major thrust is learning how to cope with criticism and negative feelings directed towards oneself or one's church.

During the four months of the Lab, each participant will be asked to attend the sessions plus reading from the book THE BORED AND APATHETIC CHURCH MEMBER by John Savage, and making four calls to practice skills and feed into final weekends. After the series, it is hoped that a cadre of persons will become an ongoing group using the skills and sharpening them to relate to all members of our congregation on some regular basis. A later participation choice will be made after the series and is not included in the Lab I training commitment.

----- Detach and place in offering plate or mail to church office-----

REGISTRATION FOR LAB I OF CALLING AND LISTENING SKILLS - FALL, 1979

NAME _____ PHONE _____

Child Care at Church for this. Sack lunches. \$ _____ for Material.

The last all-church camp out of the year will be this weekend, Friday through Sunday, August 10-12, at Quabache State Recreation Area near Bluffton. For reservations, call Val & Ben Taylor (447-7185) or Miriam Bixenman in the church office. The Saturday evening meal will be a pot-luck. Camp fire worship will follow at 8:00, with the worship including communion. Any not participating in the full camp out are invited to come for the evening meal/camp fire experience. This is a beautiful camp ground, less than 30 minutes from the church. Those planning to participate for all or a portion of the camp out include: Ben & Val Taylor, Monty & Phyllis Tobias, Peg Buskirk and Miriam Bixenman, the YES Group, Jim, Becky & Jeremy Stucky.

JULY AVERAGES

Worship	242
Church School	110
Through-the-Week	
Education	27
Budget Giving	\$3,037.01

NEW MEMBERS DURING JULY

Rodger and Linda Hendrickson

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

AUGUST 12-18, 1979

Dennis Andres (13)
 Judith Ferguson (13)
 Harriett Weaver (14)
 Rebecca Bowman (15)
 Bruce Grimm (16)
 Lois Finkhousen (18)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER: Bob &

Jane Williams - Director of
 Girl's School at Mbandaka,
 Zaire.

Every Monday at the Southwest Fort Wayne Senior Center at 10:30 A.M. you would find a group playing Bingo (with the group bringing white elephant gifts for prizes). Next Monday, August 13, is "Dress Down Day" (Come-as-you-are); Tuesday, August 14 is a tour of the American Restaurant Association at 1:30; on Thursday, August 16, our own Dr. Harold Cline will talk on characteristics of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); and on Monday, August 20, at 11:15 Vee Farlette will be playing for a sing-along with Becky Stucky as guest soloist. Phone meal reservations to 423-1523 24 hours in advance and come join the fun at Grace United Church of Christ, Lexington at Webster. We are one of 7 churches supporting this center.

ARTICLES IN THE DISCIPLE

Our national church periodical THE DISCIPLE has two articles written by Dr. Cline. In the issue of June 15, 1979 on page 20 is a promotional article for the NEA Biennial Assembly on October 25 & 26 in St. Louis. On page 11 of the issue of August 5, 1979 is an interpretive article entitled, "A NEW DAY IN OUR EVANGELISM?"

Since the focus of these articles is on NEA, a reminder is given for persons to consider a special gift of \$5 or more per person and joining this national organization.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

8:00 P.M. Evening Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

6:30 P.M. CYF

7:00 P.M. Visiting

7:30 P.M. Search Committee

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

7:30 P.M. Celebration

Committee

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

7:30 P.M. Christian Education

Committee

**PANTRY NEEDS: SOUP, CANNED FRUIT,
CANNED VEGETABLES, POWDERED MILK,
P-NUT BUTTER, JELLO, NOODLES**

God. Dr. Cline is preaching on this theme, "YEARNING FOR GOD", and encourages persons to ponder these scriptures: Psalms 42:1, 2; Psalms 62:1-11; Psalms 63:1-8; and John 17:3.

Our reinstituted Sunday Evening Worship will be a dialogue based on a tape, "DIALOGUE WITH MEN OF VISION--LLOYD OGILVIE". This is a communion hour for those who cannot attend earlier in the day or who desire the informal setting and atmosphere of the hour at 8:00 P.M.

Worship God this Sunday! If you have house guests, bring them with you! Make provision for seeking the deeper union with the God of life your life will be enriched by Him!

YEARNING FOR GOD

*"As a deer longs for a stream of
cool water, so I long for you, O
God.*

*I thirst for you, the living
God.*

*When can I go and worship in
your presence?"*

Psalms 42:1, 2

*"O God, you are my God, and I
long for you. My whole being
desires you; like a dry, worn-
out, and waterless land, my
soul is thirsty for you."*

Psalms 63:1

Our worship hours this Sunday at
8:15 and 10:45 A.M. will deal with
this deep yearning for the living

SERVING AUGUST 19

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and
Jack Weicker
10:45 A.M. Barbara Short and
William Love

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Place-SW, D. Kee-
bortz-NW, B. Pauley, J. Young
10:45 A.M. S. Hayes-SW, M. Fink-
hausen-NE, L. York-SE, E. Conrad-
NW, B. Grimm, M. Tobias, S. Allen,
J. Bickel

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
W. DeVinney, M. Pontius
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, R. Hunt, B. Kerley

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. M. Love - E. Conrad
B. Taylor - S. Allen
B. Leversee - A. Lee

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Laura York and Susie Watson

ACOLYTES

10:45 A.M. S. Johnson

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Hiatt
10:45 A.M. B. & M. Hix, L.
Sauerwein

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 470 Mr. Wendall Glass
M206 Mr. Arthur Mowery
PARKVIEW: 320 Mr. Richard Mory
OUT OF TOWN: Miss Kim Campbell
National Jewish Hospital
3800 Colfax, Denver, CO 80202

HOME AND SCHOOL ADDRESSES:

Laura Peter
Rt. 2, Rochester, 46975
Bethel College, Mishawaka 46544
Gary Childs
769 Carlyle Pl. Indianapolis 46201
304 Brandt Hall, Valparaiso, 46383

CALLING FOR HELP!

Will students and parents make sure that the church office learns of the college addresses of all leaving home for this new period in life? Call the church office-744-3239. The church desires very much to keep in contact on a regular basis with all students and singles as they move either to college or into their own apartments. Help us out! Please!

DR. CLINE ON VACATION

Our pastor will be going to Texas on Tuesday, August 21 and will return on the 28th. He was off two days last week for a quick trip to Ohio. On Sunday, August 26th, a Timothy of First Christian, James Shockney, will be preaching for both morning hours.

OFFER FOR HELP?

One of our members responded to a part of the sermon dialogue last Sunday about a more regular calling on those on our Special Care list especially after the calls made by our interns this summer. Are there others who would be willing to help?

GIVE REGULARLY!

Weekly needed \$3,015.50
Given 8/12 1,958.59
This hurts--it makes our current year deficit at \$5,505.53. We need regular and generour giving to fulfill our intend-ed ministries and mission.

"Sometimes we may not realize that everything we do affects not only our lives but touches others, too. A single happy smile can always brighten up the day for anyone who happens to be passing by your way. And a little bit of thoughtfulness that shows someone you care creates a ray of sunshine for both of you to share." - Karen Ravn

As I reflect back over my summer here at First Christian Church as an Intern, I see many people who have touched my life in some way, whether it was a smile or a two hour visit. God has made known to me that a Christian Community must contain caring and sharing and love. This community here has shown an abundance of all three of these to me personally. Quite a number of you have opened your homes to provide a time for me to share with you. Many of you have taken an extra step on Sunday morning to say "Good morning". Because of the warmth and friendliness of this church I feel a part of it.

This summer has contained many new experiences for me. Visiting shut-ins and special care persons was an all new experience yet very exciting. The Children's Sermonette was also new yet working with "little people" was very rewarding. I discovered the many hours a minister must put in. At the same time, I discovered how fruitful each hour can be. I have grown tremendously. I am truly beginning to see who this person is living inside of me and slowly recognizing that this person is so very unique.

I'd like to send a warm thanks to everyone for everything that has been done for me. But more than that a thank you for making me a part of your church and your lives. You will always be in my thoughts and prayers. May God Bless You...

Love Through Christ,
Laura Peter

As I sit here in my own home, and reflect on the summer of internship at First Christian Church, I realize that no words could ever convey the lasting growth, learning and ministry I have experienced. It is in these three areas I would like to share just a bit with you.

Personally, I have matured in many ways. In terms of my relationship with God, I have entered a deeper understanding of His grace. With others, I have learned the need to be sensitive. With myself, I have seen the importance of both physical and spiritual discipline.

I have learned in more areas than I could possibly mention. I preached a sermon, visited the sick and shut-in, participated in fellowship and growth with all age groups, read many books and had many fruitful and growth producing conversations. I have learned about God, the church,

(Continued on page four)

REFLECTIONS (from page three)

the ministry, and society.

I have had the opportunity to minister in many ways, praying with people, listening to people, and sharing and teaching insights from the Bible.

I praise God for all of you at First Christian. The spiritual potential that has been realized is inspiring. The spiritual potential yet to be realized is exciting. It is my prayer that God will continue to work in all of you and lead you to greater depths of growth and ministry.

Gary Childs

NOTE: Gary and Laura's home and school addresses appear on page 2

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Christian Women's Fellowship (C.W.F.) would like to encourage and invite all women of First Christian to join one of the 8 existing fellowship groups which meet at various times for study and Christian fellowship September through June. Individual groups will be studying various books and study materials during the year including the official CWF study for 1979-80 which includes the study of Luke. For more information on membership please contact Susie Thompson, CWF President, 489-4359 or one of the listed group leaders.

DEBORAH Sharon Pauley 745-0925
Meets on second Tuesday 7:30 P.M.
FELLOWSHIP GUILD Ethel Shroyer
744-5335 Meets second Monday at
1:30 P.M.

MARTHA Barbara Short 443-7903
Meets second Monday at 7:30 P.M.

MARY Miriam Bixenman 745-3365
Meets second Wednesday at 12:00
Noon

NAOMI Betty Grimm 456-7808
Meets first Thursday at 9:00 A.M.

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RACHEL Pam Bickel 456-7496
Meets second Thursday at 9:30
A.M.

REBECCA Connie Wells 445-9953
Meets second Tuesday at 11:30
A.M.

RUTH: Martha Cole 432-9777
Meets first Tuesday at 9:00
A.M.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER AUGUST 19-25

Debbie (Allen) Connerly (19)
Nancy Hendricks (20)
Charles Atwood (21)
Arthur Mowery (21)
Judy Ford (22)
Laverne Hunt (22)
Michael Johnson (23)
Marie Redman (24)
Diane Morris (24)
Blanche Tucker (24)
Mac Olson (25)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER Bob and Jane Williams

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS

All entering grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 in the fall are wanted for evening CYF on the next two Mondays, August 20 & 27 at 6:30 P.M. in the Youth Lounge.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

5:45 A.M. CUC Class leave for
Cedar Point (McDonald's Parking
Lot, New Haven)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
7:00 P.M. Adult Church School
Class Representatives

8:00 P.M. Evening Worship
A Discussion of "The Ministry
of Healing". Communion

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

6:30 P.M. CYF
7:00 P.M. Visiting
7:30 P.M. Search Committee

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

7:30 P.M. Worship & Pastoral
Relations Committee

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

7:30 P.M. Elders & Mates,
Parlor

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee

PANTRY NEEDS: MACARONI DINNER,
CRACKERS, SOUP, POWDERED MILK,
P-NUT BUTTER, CEREAL

JAMES R. SHOCKNEY PREACHING

James R. Shockney who was or-
dained into the Christian ministry
here at First Christian on May 21,
1961, will be preaching this Sun-
day at 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. He
served as a Director of Youth on
the staff here before going to
Johnson Bible College in the early
60's. Previous to that he served
as a Lay Minister at Maple Grove.

Following his undergraduate
work, he served the East Union
Christian Church west of Atlanta,
Indiana and then served a long
pastorate at the Christian Church
in Atlanta, Illinois. He retired
with his wife, Helen, in Hemet,
California, three years ago.

We welcome Jim into our pulpit
on Sunday to preach the Word!

*NOTE: Several have asked for the
quote Dr. Cline used in last Sun-
day's sermon:*

*"To fall in love with God is the
greatest of all romances;*

*To seek Him, the greatest adven-
ture; to find Him, the greatest
human achievement."*

SERVING AUGUST 26

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. William Franklin and
Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and
Joe Wiley

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Busse-SW, C. Het-
rick-NW, E. Brown, K. Lee

10:45 A.M. C. Crowe-NW, S. Hayes-
NE, J. Stucky-SE, M. Finkhousen-
SW, G. Davis, S. Grimm, T. Harter

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8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
D. Dickey, T. Evans

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson

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Delores Keebortz

ACOLYTE

10:45 A.M. S. Johnson

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. A. Lee

10:45 A.M. D. & S. Thompson
B. Mettler

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: M206 Mr. Arthur Mowery

M212 Mr. Gerhard Brouer

470 Mr. Cory Church

PARKVIEW: 250 Mrs. Jolene Dickey

320 Mr. Richard Mory

515 Mrs. Lessie Driscoll

OUT OF TOWN:

Miss Kim Campbell

National Jewish Hospital

3800 E. Colfax

Denver, CO 80206

CUC CLASS TO CEDAR POINT

Those persons from the Christians Under Construction Class who are going to Cedar Point on Saturday, August 25, should meet at 6:45 A.M. at McDonald's parking lot in New Haven.

RALLY DAY - SEPTEMBER 9!

WORSHIP HOURS - 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. - Commissioning Service for all Church School Staff and every member of Board of Trustees, Board of Elders, and Board of Diaconate. All these leaders are asked to sacrifice in order to be present at one of these two morning hours.

CHURCH SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M. Promotion Day for Children and Youth - start of new Semester - beginning of new Bible Class taught by Dr. Cline.

EVENING KICK-OFF - Youth Bell Choir from 5:30 to 6:30 P.M. Chi Rho and Christian Youth Fellowship begin regular fall meetings 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. - Bible Study Hour led by Dr. Cline from 5:45 to 6:45 P.M. Evening Worship moves to winter time from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M.

CALL FOR CHANCEL CHOIR

All adults are invited to join our choir for its first rehearsal at 7:30 P.M. on August 30. Rehearsals are regular each Thursday evening with singing at the 10:45 A.M. hour on Sundays beginning September 9. Now is a choice time to begin singing in the Chancel Choir.

MOVE BY TIMOTHY

Ed Allen has announced his resignation as pastor of the Fayette Christian Church, Fayette, Ohio at the end of August. He will become the organizing pastor of a new congregation in suburban Toledo as a member of the Ohio Regional Staff. We congratulate Ed on the new Challenge and Opportunity!

SIGNIFICANT ITEMS IN THE BOARD - AUGUST 7, 1979

were present for the first Board of Trustees meeting of the new board. Greetings were received from four and four others were absent also. A primer of information and orientation was given for the Board. Printed reports included Boards and Committees for 1979-80; Minutes of June 5, Treasurer's Reports for June and July; Memorial and Special Funds Report, for April-June; People Report and Stewardship Report.

Carol Cline's resignation from the Board of Diaconate because of college was accepted with regret. Nominations to fill unexpired terms approved included: Judy Church, Chairwoman of Evangelism until 6/80; Pam Bickel, Vice-Chairwoman of Outreach until 6/80; Bruce Grimm, deacon until 6/81; and Steve Grimm, deacon until 6/82.

The Church Vocation Scholarship Committee report approval of Mel Busse for a scholarship grant for the current academic year of 1979-80. He is seeking full time schooling with the anticipated goal of Seminary training in order to become a Minister of Music.

It was reported that the Fellowship Bible Church withdrew their request for the use of our facilities because of time limitations.

The calendar of meetings was set for the year: BOARD OF TRUSTEES: August 1, September 4, October 9, November 6, December 4, January 8, February 5, March 4, April 8, May 6, June 3. Congregational Dinners and Meetings were set for December 2 and May 18.

Nominees were selected for contact and ascertaining willingness to serve in order that they might be elected as Board-elected members of the Lay Personnel Committee for two years.

Along the various committee reports, strong emphasis was given to the HOME Program scheduled for four weekends of the fall, namely September 14 & 15; October 12 & 13; November 9 & 10; and December 7 & 8. Enrollment is needed now for this program.

CHURCH GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES COMING.....

CHURCH GROWTH SEMINAR, Plymouth, Indiana, September 23 & 24. Cost: \$10.
HOME COME PROGRAM, Four weekends: September 14 & 15; October 12 & 13; November 9 & 10; and December 7 & 8. Cost: \$7.50

INQUIRER'S CLASS will meet on the following Wednesday evenings at 7:30: September 12, 19, and 26; October 3, 10, and 17; November 7, 14, 28; and December 5. Cost is \$2.00

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION!!

WEEK OF COMPASSION REPORTS:

You help "boat people" through Week of Compassion. Six months ago special grant \$5,000 sent to help church people Hong Kong /Malaysia care for refugees crowding camps there. Church World Service disaster fund (you help make possible) providing needed medicines. CWS interviewing applicants for resettlement U.S., urging government open doors, also working on solar distiller provide water for island camp Malaysia (drinking water brought for island camp by boat from mainland.)

Right now CWS team visiting refugee camps to learn how best churches can help further.

Marilynne Hill,
Administrative Director

A LETTER FROM THE INDIANA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES:

Dear Friends:

We have noted with appreciation the increase in giving to the Council represented in your check for \$250.00. This kind of support for the united work of our Indiana churches is heartening indeed. Please express our gratitude to your board and congregation. We will strive to be worthy of this expression of confidence.

Sincerely yours,
Grover Hartman,
Executive Secretary

NOTE: A new interpretative brochure outlining the Council work is on the Outreach Bulletin Board at the south entrance door.

CWF GENERAL MEETING

Mark your calendar now for the first Christian Women's Fellowship meeting which will be a salad potluck held on September 18, 1979 at 6:30 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite salad and your own table service. All women of First Christian and their guests are most welcome. Come and meet new friends and renew old friendships. Rev. Terry Russell of St. Alban's Episcopal Church, who is employed by Dr. Pancner, a local psychiatrist will speak on "Improving Your Self Image". For reservations, contact the church office or Susie Thompson, the CWF President, 489-4359.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

AUGUST 26 - SEPTEMBER 1

Mary Higgins (26)
Deborah Clifton (27)
Nathan Love (27)
Mary Cook (28)
Nancy Smith (28)
Rocky Baugher (29)
Clarence Hendrickson (29)
Art Huddleston (29)
Miriam Bixenman (30)
Barb Hayes (31)
Gene Shirley (31)
Mildred Jewell (1)
Mildred Sarrazin (1)
John Gerrard (1)
Ruby Johns (1)

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CHURCH CALENDAR

NDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

30 A.M. Church School

00 P.M. Evening Worship

NDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

bor Day - Church Office Closed

ESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

00 A.M. Ruth Group, Ruth

Ogles, 3322 Rosewood

30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

URSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

30 A.M. Naomi Group at

the church.

30 P.M. Chancel Choir

NTY NEEDS: CRACKERS, SOUP,
ANNED FRUIT & VEGETABLES,
OWDERED MILK

WATCH THE MAIL!

During the 1st week of September
all participating resident mem-
bers will receive a Survey-ques-
tionnaire from the SEARCH COMMIT-
TEE FOR A SECOND STAFF MEMBER.
Please respond! Our committee
needs your input to make the
best decisions for First Christ-
ian Church.

Jack Weicker, chairman,
The Search Committee

KNOW AND USE BIBLE

PASTOR AS TEACHER

These twin areas are being sig-
nificantly joined together in the
life of our congregation this fall
in a variety of ways. Bible Study
is a constant request by many per-
sons. How to receive greater mean-
ing from Scripture is one of the
constants of our Christian pilgrim-
age.

BIBLES IN WORSHIP - Dr. Cline is
making a special request that we
bring personal Bibles with us to
Sunday worship. He intends that
these not only be used to follow
readings, but that we learn to make
notes and comments with texts so
that ideas can be recalled whenever
we turn to that text.

The bringing of Bibles into wor-
ship is not for show or demonstra-
tion, but that we can begin using
it more realistically as the
sourcebook for our faith and life.

Charlie Shedd in his book, THE
EXCITING CHURCH WHERE THEY REALLY
USE THE BIBLE says, "Whenever I
come on an exciting church, there
(continued on page three)

SERVING SEPTEMBER 2

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and
Judy Church
10:45 A.M. Margaret Love and
Dean Widler

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. A. Lee-SW, D. Church-
NW, D. Keebortz, R. Johnson
10:45 A.M. P. Mullen-SW, J. Jump-
NW, K. Taylor-NE, S. Schell-SE, R.
Flickinger, J. Johnson, B. Mettler,
B. Hendricks

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
D. Dickey, Tony Evans
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Delores Keebortz

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. J. Wiley - E. Klepfer
B. Short - P. Buskirk
W. Johnson - K. Taylor

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Barb Busse, Gary & Carolyn Falbe

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. D. & B. Johnson
10:45 A.M. L. Jump, B. Glasgow,
M. Orr

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: M206 Mr. Arthur Mowery
(to be admitted 8/28) Mr. Arza
Smith

PARKVIEW: 320 Mr. Richard Mory
515 Mrs. Lessie Driscoll

ST. JOSEPH: 513 Mrs. Nita Wilson

OUT OF TOWN: Miss Kim Campbell

3800 E. Colfax, Denver, CO

Mrs. Emily (Weicker) Walton

McPherson Medical Center #209

Howell, Michigan 48843

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Bob Pauley
and his family in the death of his
mother, Mrs. Ada Holstein, in Sod,
West Virginia on August 25, 1979.

RALLY DAY - SEPTEMBER 9

WORSHIP HOURS - 8:15 & 10:45 A.M.

Commissioning Service for all Church
School Staff and every member of
Board of Trustees, Board of Elders
and Board of Diaconate. All these
leaders are asked to sacrifice in
order to be present at one of these
two morning hours.

CHURCH SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M. - Pro-
motion Day for Children and Youth
Start of new Semester - Beginning
of new Bible Class taught by Dr.
Cline.

EVENING KICK-OFF - Youth Bel-
Choir from 5:30 to 6:30 P.M. Ch-
Rho and Christian Youth Fellowship
begin regular fall meetings 6:30 to
8:00 P.M. - Bible study hour led by
Dr. Cline from 5:45 to 6:45 P.M.
Evening Worship moves to winter
time beginning at 7:00 P.M. and
concluding at 8:00 P.M.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SEPTEMBER MEETING

SEPTEMBER 4, 1979 at 7:30 P.M.
in the Conference Room.

Every Board of Trustee member
is needed!

THANK YOU NOTES

To All My Friends,

Thanks for all the prayers and
cards. Also to Rev. Cline and
Miriam for calling and the oppor-
tunity to take communion in the
hospital, at a time so much needed
Mrs. Ardith Wrisk

"Thanks so much for all the birth-
day cards that were sent to me--
they helped brighten the day. Th-
anks, too, for all your continu-
ed concern and prayers."

Arthur Mowery

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

FALL OF 1979

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

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We believe that the Christian life is a pilgrimage of growth into our Lord Jesus Christ. We desire to offer opportunities for personal enrichment and growth. We desire to equip ourselves to better minister and serve others. We desire to know God and to love Him and one another in more wholesome ways.

Costs are listed for materials. Classes will not be offered if minimum registrants are not received. Some will be limited to a certain number. Child Care will be provided when it is needed.

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LAB I OF PARISH VISITATION SKILLS

SOURCES: Workbook for usage during 40 hours of intensive lab experience, and Book, THE BORED AND APATHETIC CHURCH MEMBER by Dr. John Savage. Dr. Cline is an accredited Lab I instructor.

T: \$7.50 per person

E: Fridays, 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. and Saturdays, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
September 14 & 15; October 12 & 13; November 9 & 10; December 7 & 8.

DESCRIPTION: Development of listening skills and personality for ability to call and deal with criticism and hostility. Learning is done through data presentation, skill development and practice, and observation and reflection. Communication skills include: paraphrasing, perception checking, behavior description, direct expression of feelings, creative questions, fogging, story listening, story sequence listening, and life systems listening.

QUIRER'S CLASS

SOURCES: Each participant will receive a notebook with outlines and pamphlets for usage and reading during the course.

T: \$2.00

E: Wednesday evenings, 7:30 to 9:30 P.M., September 12, 19, 26; October 3, 10, 17; November 7, 14, 28; December 5 led by Dr. Cline.

DESCRIPTION: Class to help persons find greater meaning in Christian relationship within First Christian Church as to what it means to be a Christian and a member of this congregation. Areas include commitment to Christ, to Body of Christ, and to ministry of Christ in the world.

CHURCH GROWTH SEMINAR

RESOURCE: TEN STEPS TO CHURCH GROWTH by Donald A. McGavran and Winfield C. Arn plus Seminar Notebook.

COST: \$10.00 per person.

TIME: 2:30 to 9:00 P.M. on Sunday, September 23 and 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. on Monday, September 24 led by Dr. Arn in Plymouth, Indiana.

DESCRIPTION: Intensive introduction to Church Growth through seven learning modules.

THROUGH DEATH TO LIFE

RESOURCES: Text, THROUGH DEATH TO LIFE by Dr. Ed Baumann and usage of thirteen 25 minute tapes of Dr. Baumann during sessions.

COST: \$5.00 per person

TIME: Wednesday mornings, 9:30 to 11:00 A.M., September 12 through December 5 led by Pat Mullen

DESCRIPTION: "Jesus made it clear that God is a God of resurrection power, that he is always working to transform sorrow into joy, sickness into health, and death into life. This resurrection power is one of the main reasons for the strength and joy of the early Christian community. But the same strength and joy can be ours!

The purpose of this course is to search the Scriptures for the ways God's resurrection power enables us to move victoriously through every experience of death into greater wholeness of life."

SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

RESOURCE: FOUNDATIONS FOR RECONSTRUCTION by Elton Trueblood

COST: \$1.00 plus chip-in on breakfast costs.

TIME: Saturday mornings, 7:00 to 8:30 A.M. - September 8 & 22; October 6 & 20; November 3 & 17; December 1 & 15.

DESCRIPTION: This book is an interpretation of the Ten Commandments to make them relevant to problems of contemporary human existence.

GROUP ON LIVING PRAYER

RESOURCE: THE WORKBOOK OF LIVING PRAYER by Maxie Dunnam.

COST: \$2.00

TIME: 6 Wednesday evenings, 7:30 to 9:00 P.M., September 5 through October 10 led by Ruby Cline.

DESCRIPTION: The course assumes a willingness to experiment and

adventure in prayer because of interest in prayer and a desire to work and practice to learn better how to pray. It involves the weekly group session and daily assignments in the Workbook.

PRAYER RETREAT AT CAMP BARBEE

RESOURCE: THE ART OF PERSONAL PRAYER by Lance Webb.

COST: \$6.00 plus helping share in food for retreat.

TIME: Friday evening starting at 6:00 P.M. through Saturday afternoon at 4:00 P.M. at Retreat House at Camp Barbee, November 16 and 17, led by Ruby Cline.

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BEGINNING OF BIBLE STUDY LED BY PASTOR ON SUNDAYS

NEW CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS

Beginning September 9 to introduce the Bible and each of its books in order to open the Bible for meaningful reading and usage. Pupils are asked to buy a set of HANDBOOKS TO THE BIBLE at \$5.00 plus usage of their own Bible. This Class will run for an indefinite time to cover the total Bible.

SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Begins on September 9 from 5:45 to 6:45 in the Conference Room. The group on the opening night will decide between a repeat of the Sunday morning course if participants cannot attend that series or the direct study of Bible content through a booklet, LET THE BIBLE BE YOUR GUIDE. This study will continue on an indefinite basis according to participation and other calendaring.

REGISTRATION FOR SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH
FALL of 1979

First Christian Church

Fort Wayne, Indiana

Detach this form and mail or bring to church, office, hand to pastors, or place in offering plate. Sign up for class offerings as soon as possible. Some are limited in number and are on a first-come, first-serve basis. It is preferable to pay along with registration but may be paid at first session. Please check all of your intentions at time of submitting this form. Indicate need for child care.

_____ COME PROGRAM (Four weekends)
_____ INQUIRER'S CLASS (10 Wednesdays 7:30 - 9:30 P.M.)
_____ CHURCH GROWTH SEMINAR (September 23 & 24)
_____ THROUGH DEATH TO LIFE (13 Wednesdays 9:30 - 11:00 A.M.)
_____ SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY (8 Saturdays - 7:00 - 8:30 A.M.)
_____ LIVING PRAYER (6 Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9:30 P.M.)
_____ PRAYER RETREAT (November 16 & 17 at Barbee)

_____ NEW BIBLE STUDY CLASS (Sunday mornings)
_____ NEW BIBLE STUDY (Sunday evenings)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

MONEY WITH FORM _____

Need child care _____ No. of children _____

Ages _____

NOW AND USE BIBLE (from page one)

re people with Bible in hand. They are studying the Scripture together. They are discussing it. Laughing. Searching. That's the way it is. Talking it. Together and individually, these folks are getting their direction from the Book."

The first two Sundays of September Dr. Cline will be preaching about Scripture:

- SEPTEMBER 2 - "ESTABLISHED IN TRUTH" II Peter 1:3-21
- SEPTEMBER 9 - "AN APPROVED WORKMAN" II Timothy 2:1-19

NEW CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS - The Education Committee has asked Dr. Cline to teach a new Church School Class open to any member or friend of First Christian - to any now in Church School or persons who might be interested. This class will begin at 9:30 A.M. on Sunday, September 9.

Dr. Cline will make a presentation each week and discuss questions and concerns. Each person will need a Bible and the reference texts for the course, HANDBOOK TO THE OLD TESTAMENT and HANDBOOK TO THE NEW TESTAMENT by Claus Westerman as translated by Robert H. Boyd. Enrollees are asked to pay \$5 toward the cost of the Handbooks.

The Handbooks are designed to open a pathway into Scriptural reading and study. They are not a substitute for Bible reading but demonstrate and aid the process. The goal is to open the basic Biblical content for our congregation and at the same time point up the living and abiding message as God's Word for today.

SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY - At the request of several persons, Dr. Cline will be leading a Bible study on Sunday evenings from 5:45 to 6:45 P.M. preceding the Sunday Evening Worship. This hour parallels the Youth Bell Choir and Youth Fellowship so parents can lessen driving.

The group present at 5:45 P.M. on Sunday, September 9, will make the final choice between two alternatives, namely: (1) A repeat of the Sunday morning Bible study if the predominance of persons are church school teachers and others who cannot attend on Sunday morning or (2) A directed searching of Scriptural texts and marking Bible utilizing the booklet, LET THE BIBLE BE YOUR GUIDE by William E. Bowles. Texts would be studied in answer to basic questions listed under 12 themes. This booklet was used in Worship on Sunday evening, August 12th, and received much favorable comment. Again the aim of familiarity and acquaintance with the Biblical text and its meaning for faith and life.

While these three emphases of the Bible are closely tied with our pastor, many other Biblical opportunities are available in our ongoing Church School classes and our School of Christian Growth. The goal of all cases it to know God and Jesus better through the Bible which is the sourcebook of our Christian faith and life.

JOIN N.E.A.!

Take a stand to emphasize EVANGELISM among the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) ---JOIN the National Evangelistic Association of the Christian Church.

Currently 69 members of our congregation belong including: Dean & Elsie Widler, Harold, Ruby & Chad Cline, Jennie Harter, Andy Cook, Dan & Jolene Dickey, Marge Lehman, Ralph & Judy Church, Ramona Ketner, Andrea Benny, Steve Harter, Miriam Bixenman, Eunice Conrad, Mildred Hartman, Ruth Plummer, Joyce Crowe, Pat Mullen, Susie Watson, Bruce Lehman, Shirley Dibble, David & Arabelle Kreischer, M/M Robert Chevalier, Mrs. Charles Dare, Mary Cook, Arza Smith, Pearl Heidecker, Ethel Shroyer, Hazel & William Crouse, William Caldwell, Jack & Janet Weicker, M/M Rolland Ripple, M/M William Johnson, M/M Terry King, Mrs. Dempsey Weaver, Irene M Current, M/M Art Huddleston, Florence Palmer, Paul Waugh, Mrs. John Wilhelm, Mark & Pauline Snyder, M/M Ennis Brown, George & Virginia Bruckman, M/M Ron Flickinger, Mrs. Gwynth Rice, Mildred Hutchinson, Dick & Barb Johnson, Eural & Golden Rose, M/M Donald Smith, Mr. Delmas Young.

FROM OUR SENIOR CENTER

Helping as volunteers at our Senior Center, located at Grace United Church of Christ this week are:

Monday - Amelia Dare & Laura Marks

Tuesday - Grace Truby & Esther
Whitton

Wednesday - Earl & Ruth Plummer

Thursday - Rolland & Genevieve
Ripple

Friday - Mary Cook & Helen Foltz

Our thanks to these fine people.

CHI RHO GIVES TO MINI BUS FUND

Our Chi Rho Youth have seen the real need for First Christian to have a mini-bus. Therefore, they have made a contribution of \$50.00 toward the purchase or rental of such a bus. A mini bus could be used to transport to special learning opportunities or conferences, and to pick up those without transportation. Are there others in the congregation who see this need and wish to make contributions? Make checks payable to First Christian Church and mark them "mini-bus fund."

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

SEPTEMBER 2-8

Nena Lucas (2)

Thomas Penny (2)

Raymond Sarrazin (2)

Grace Truby (2)

Evelyn Yeoman (2)

Pauline Snyder (3)

Kathryn Bixenman (3)

Gloria Jean Phillips (3)

Mark Rayl (4)

Richard Skelton (4)

Kenneth Wheaton (4)

Ethel Lahmon (5)

Nila Schilling (5)

Michael Gardner (6)

Gary York (6)

Melvin Cochran (7)

Nellie Roe (7)

Marilyn Rayl (8)

Doretha Baker (8)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER

DURING SEPTEMBER:

Miss Lynn Thompson, a fraternal worker who teaches English at Seibi-Gakuen in Japan.

M/M Ralph Church
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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast Group

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

5:30 P.M. Bell Choir

5:45 P.M. Bible Study

6:30 P.M. Chi Rho/CYF

7:00 P.M. Evening Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

10:00 A.M. Study Group

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild,

Edna Vaught, 4035 Fairfield

7:00 P.M. Visiting

7:30 P.M. Martha Group, Cindy

Akers, 4925 Tristom Ct.

7:30 P.M. Membership Committee

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9:30 A.M. Thru Death to Life

12:00 Noon Mary Group, Opal Per-

kins, 701 Ewing, #213, Bldg. C

7:30 P.M. Group on Living Prayer

7:30 P.M. Inquirer's Class

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9:30 A.M. Rachael Group

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: POWDERED MILK,
P-NUT BUTTER, CEREAL, SOUP,
CANNED FRUIT.

CHURCH LOYALTY MONTH

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

We worship together

We learn together

We witness together

We reach out to others

We reach out to our world

September 9 through October 7 in-
cludes five Sundays to reaffirm loy-
alty to Christ and to begin anew
with regularity in the opportunities
through the Church.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. - Sermon: "AN
APPROVED WORKMAN" II Timothy 2:1-19
COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR EVERY mem-
ber of Boards of Elders, Trustees,
and Diaconate and every Church Sch-
ool Teacher and Youth Counselor; Bec-
ca Olson, soloist and Chancel Choir
singing at 10:45 A.M.

7:00 P.M. Evening Worship and Com-
munion - Service built on a Bible
simulation experience.

CALL TO LEARNING:

9:30 A.M. Church School Year be-
gins and new Bible Study by Pastor.
See listing on pages 3 and 4.

5:45 P.M. Evening Bible Study led
by Pastor in Conference Room.

5:30 P.M. Bell Choir begins

6:30 P.M. Chi Rho and CYF year be-
gins for all 6th through 12th grades.

SERVING SEPTEMBER 9

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and
William Franklin

10:45 A.M. Joe Wiley and
Bert Leversee

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Pauley-SW, J. Young-
NW, K. Place, M. Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. V. Taylor-SW, M. Akers-
NW, M. Tobias-SE, S. Allen-NE, B.
Grimm, S. Watson, W. Bowen, J. Bickel

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
Tim Evans, W. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, M. Callahan, J.
Glasgow

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sue Allen and Eunice Conrad

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Stucky

10:45 A.M. L. Wiley, L. Sauerwein,
T. Smith

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - D. & S. Thompson

NUR. III - N. Harter & E. Conrad

K-1. - L. McBride

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 417 Mrs. Delores Overmyer

584 - Mrs. Cecile Chevalier

M206 - Mr. Arthur Mowery

PARKVIEW: 716 Mr. Dick Mory

515 Mrs. Lessie Driscoll

S211 - Mr. Robert Hendricks

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED: To Mrs. Tillie
MacNamee and family in the death of
her husband, Mac, on August 31.

TO HOME IN KENTUCKY:

Mrs. Marie Pritchard

Carmel Home, 2501 Old Hartford Rd.

Owensboro, KY 42301

YOUTH FELLOWSHIPS BEGIN

6:30 to 8:00 P.M. EACH SUNDAY

CHI RHO - for 6-8 Graders,
Come, hear all the plans for the
coming year and learn about a
new emphasis. Counselors: Bruce
Lehman and Sylvia Smith.

C.Y.F. - for 9-12th graders.
Make plans and work on future
events - Counselors: Chip &
Becca Olson & Bill & Ginny John-
son.

MONDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

This group will resume meeting
on Monday, September 10 at 10:00
A.M. We will be studying Chap-
ter 22 "The Miracles of the Four-
th Gospel" in the book, AND HE
HAD COMPASSION, by Wm. Barclay.
As always, new members of the
group are always welcome. The
group meets every other Monday
through the school year at 10:00
A.M. We will also be selecting
a new study book at this meeting

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

SEPTEMBER 9-15

Valerie (Williams) Hall (10)

Richard Penny (11)

Ada Greider (11)

Barbara Short (11)

Robert Chevalier (12)

Barbara Finkhousen (12)

Nancy Geiselman (12)

Deann Halbrook (12)

Margo Parlette (12)

Ruth Plummer (12)

Sandy Zimmerman (12)

Edith Varner (13)

Marvel Brickley (15)

Edna Nordblom (15)

Almeda Rice (15)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER:

Miss Lynn Thompson, Japan

JOIN OUR CHURCH SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M. ON SUNDAYS

Sunday, September 9 is a special beginning time with new teachers and a new semester, promotion for children and youth and the beginning of a special new class. NOTE: Children and youth should go to present room first.

NEW BIBLE STUDY CLASS - All not in other classes especially urged to begin in this class! Begins this Sunday, September 9 to introduce the Bible and open Bible for meaningful reading and usage. Pupils are asked to buy a set of HANDBOOKS TO THE BIBLE at \$5.00 plus use their own Bibles. The Class will run for indefinite time to cover the total Bible. Open to anyone not in a class or those who want to enroll for duration of this class and maintain membership in current group. Teacher: Harold E. Cline. Meet in East Fellowship Hall.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN CHURCH SCHOOL

NURSERY I - Babies & Toddlers under 2 by October 1. Becky Stucky - Teacher, Barbara Johnson, assistant. Room 236.

NURSERY II - 2 year olds by October 1. Foci for 4 quarters are: Jesus, God's World and Me, Glad to be Me, People in My World. Teacher: Karen Zimmerman, substitute, Lois Finkhousen. Room 235.

NURSERY III - 3 & 4 year olds by October 1. (must be toilet trained.) Study foci for the four quarters are: I Wonder About, It's Great to be Alive, People Help Each Other, and God's Plan for Growth. Lead teachers: Nila Schilling, Betty Grimm, Debbie Brian; assistants: Beth Schilling, Dick Johnson, and Jim Stucky. Room 131.

KINDERGARTEN-1ST GRADE - Children entering these two grades or reading readiness this fall. Studying: "So You Will Know" based on II Kings 22 to introduce the Bible; Jonah, and the infant narratives of Ishmael, Moses, and John the Baptist "Little Folks Get Big Breaks". Teachers: Leesa Jump, Barbara Hayes, substitute, Marilyn Byers. Room 133.

2ND-3RD GRADES - Children entering these grades in fall. Studying a unit on Bible skills, and the patriarchs: Trust in God (Abraham), Promises to Keep (Issac) and God Is With Us (Jacob), Teacher - Sharon Pauley, Substitute: Eunice Conrad. Room 132.

4TH-5TH GRADES - Grades in school. Studying Learning the Language of the Bible and Family of Jacob. Teachers: Karen Flickinger & Edna Nordblom. Substitute: Eileen Klepfer. Room 331.

CHI RHO - grades 6-8. Studying "The Great Parade: Persons who led the Way - a course in church history. Teachers: Pat & Mike Mullen, Substitute: Nena Lucas. Room 336.

CYF - grades 9-12. Studying Student's Rights and Exploring Other World Religions. Teacher: Mark Akers, Substitute: Sam Hayes. Room 335.

(ADULT CLASSES LISTED ON PAGE FOUR)

ADULTS IN CHURCH SCHOOL

"YES" CLASS - Young Enthusiastic Singles. Open to any young, single, adult. Study & Discussion group currently using, "I Ain't Much, Baby, But I'm All I Got" by Jess Lair. Meeting in north end of Youth Lounge, 3rd floor, education wing.

YOUNG COUPLES - Class of couples in their twenties meets in east side of parlor. Currently finishing LIFE FULL OF SURPRISES by Lloyd Ogilvie based on the sermon on the Mount of Jesus.

"CUCS" - Christians Under Construction - Open to both couples and singles of ages 25-36. Will begin study "ISSUES AND CHALLENGES" a Biblical look at our values. Fellowship through class and social activities is strong thrust of this group. Teachers: Dean & Elsie Widler. Substitute: Pam Bickel. Room 330.

HARMONY CLASS - Age span in this group is 36 and up. The group strives to learn, think, live and even sing - in HARMONY. Study material is the Uniform Lesson Series - a Bible Study. Teacher: Jack Weicker. The class meets in the west section of Fellowship Hall.

COME DOUBLE CLASS - Originally formed for (then) young couples, but in no way limited to couples (includes single members). Present age span is 50 - late 60's. Our aim: to become more knowledgeable of God's Word (in head and heart) and to live up the name of Jesus. Study text The Uniform Lessons - a Bible Study. Will be meeting in middle section of Fellowship Hall. Teacher beginning in Jan.: Miriam Bixenman.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS - A class of older adults, age 60 and above. Strong emphasis on caring and support for one another. A mixed group of couples and singles. Study text: The Uniform Lessons - a Bible Study. Teacher: Rolland Ripple. Chapel, room 220.

GOSPEL SEEKERS - This group includes a variety of ages and marital status - a good "blend". Discussion is the dominate thing in the study of this group. Study topics are as varied as the group. Teacher: Ruby Cline. Room 120.

BEREAN CLASS - Open to any age and marital status. By popular demand the class will be beginning a study of the Apocrypha. Teacher: Jack Williams. Meets in west section of Parlor.

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CHURCH LOYALTY MONTH

CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

7:00 P.M. COME Program

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:00 A.M. COME Program

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

5:30 P.M. Bell Choir

5:45 P.M. Bible Study

6:30 P.M. Chi Rho/CYF

7:00 P.M. Evening Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:00 P.M. Visiting

7:30 P.M. UNICEF Rally,
Fellowship Hall

7:30 P.M. Christian Education
Committee, Miriam Bixenman's
4430 Wilmette

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

6:30 P.M. CWF Salad Potluck
and Program

7:30 P.M. Search Committee

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

9:30 A.M. Through Death to Life

7:30 P.M. Group on Living Prayer

7:30 P.M. Inquirer's Class

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

CALL TO PARTICIPATION:

The invitation is out for every member and friend to rally back in-to worship and study with regularity beginning this Sunday to add to the 184 in Church School and 285 in Worship last Sunday. Come and worship and study in Christian community this Sunday!

CALL TO PRAYER:

Dr. Cline will be preaching on these sermon themes the next two Sundays:

Sept. 16 - "THROUGH PRAYER TO
REALITY IN COMMUNITY PRAYER"

Sept. 23 - "THROUGH PRAYER TO
REALITY IN PERSONAL PRAYER"

Hear these sermons and allow God to call you into greater union of life with him through prayer.

CALL TO DIALOGUE:

Our Sunday evening worship always includes communion and this Sunday moves to a dialogue. Dr. Robert Currie will be a guest leader sharing and leading discussion on "CAN I SAVE MY LIFE FROM CANCER?" Our evening hour is informal and in the parlor at a parallel time with Chi Rho and C.Y.F. youth fellowships--- 7:00 to 8:00 P.M.

SERVING SEPTEMBER 16

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and
Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. William Johnson and
Barbara Short

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SW, R. Johnson-NW, S. Watson, B. Pauley

10:45 A.M. T. Harter-SW, W. Bowen-NW, J. Johnson-SE, B. Hendricks-NE, J. Stucky, P. Mullen, J. Jump, B. Mettler

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, W. DeVinney, M. Pontius

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, R. Hunt, B. Kerley

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. D. Widler - E. Brown

W. Love - R. Flickinger

R. Orr - G. Davis

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sue Allen & Eunice Conrad

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. N. Lucas

10:45 A.M. M. & D. Brian, B. Finkhousen

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR II - D. & S. Thompson

NUR III - N. Harter & E. Conrad

K-1 - L. McBride

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 460 Mr. Herb Banet

594 Mr. Art Busse

584 Mrs. Cecile Chevalier

M206 Mr. Arthur Mowery

PARKVIEW: 716 Mr. Dick Mory

TRANSFER OF PAUL KENLINE

Paul Kenline is going to the River-view Care Center, Inc. which is adjacent to Canterbury Green this Friday from the Fort Wayne Health Care Center on Hobson Road.

RESPONSES TO INVITATION

MR. AND MRS. JOHN W. OHNECK, 4214 Mirada, 16, 447-2833, identified with our congregation in reaffirmation of faith and transfers. John comes from North Christian of the city and Kristy was last a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in New Haven. He is employed at Rea Magnet Wire and she at K & K Insurance Co. John has daughters in the fourth grade and first grade, Jackie and Denay, Kristy has Robbie Critell in the fourth grade and Tracy who is pre-school. They were married last December in our Nave. We welcome this couple into our congregation.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

To Ron and Sue Kiger on the birth of a son, Kristopher Stephen, on September 2, 1979, in Terre Haute.

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

Ronald Allen Privett and Kathy Jo Hower on September 1, 1979. They are residing at 9234 Hemp-hill, 19, 747-0480.

THANKS

Thanks goes to all for their kindness, cards, and prayer during my recent hospital stay- especially Dr. Cline, and my daughter-in-law, Sylvia Smith. Progress is coming with a walke in my home.

Arza Smith

PANTRY NEEDS: MACRONI DINNERS, CRACKERS, CEREAL, CANNED FRUIT & VEGETABLES, P-NUT BUTTER, NOODLES, SMALL JARS

AREA I ASSEMBLY OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

We host the Assembly of the Christian Churches in our corner of Indiana on Sunday afternoon and evening, October 7. Our regular schedule will entirely give way to this activity from 2:30 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

THEME - "GATHER TO GROW - GO FORTH WITH JOY"

2:30 P.M. - Registration (Meal cost - \$2.25, children under 12 - \$1.50)
3:00 P.M. - Workshops with simultaneous Youth and Children Programs

Worship & Music - led by Helen Donnell & Phil Zimmerman

Stewardship - led by Ron Parker

Christian Concern - (i.e. The Church and Viet Nam, Refugees and Reconciliation - led by Barbara Fuller

Evangelism - led by Harold Cline

Personal Devotional Life - led by Ruby Cline

5:00 P.M. - Mass Choir Rehearsal - Book Browsing & Interaction

6:00 P.M. - Supper and Business

7:00 P.M. - Mass Choir singing, Barbara Fuller, keynoter,
Communion

Child Care @ 50¢ for pre schoolers with a \$1 maximum per family
A free will offering for Area work will be received during worship

DINNERS OF EIGHT

Enlistment will be made this Sunday for participants in the Dinners of Eight program this winter in order to develop acquaintance and relationship among our people. The meals will be held during October, November, March and April. Persons are rotated so you eat with different people each month. A couple would normally host one of the four months. Hosts provide the meat while others bring salad, a vegetable, dessert and bread. There is no set program. Singles as well as couples are welcome. If you cannot participate every month, place your name on the substitute list. Sign up will continue through September 25.

ALL CHURCH SALE TOWARDS MINI-BUS

Saturday, October 20 from 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. has been set by the Membership Committee as the time for an all-church effort to get funds rolling for the mini-bus or van for the church which has been long discussed. The sale will include all kinds of rummage; clothes especially youth and children, furniture, handwork, plants and whatever is donated by our people. There will be a Saturday noon meal plus a paper sale and car wash that day.

The call is out for volunteers to work that day--sign up will begin on September 23. All are asked to accumulate items which they would donate for the sale.

PRIORITIES IN SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

THE COME PROGRAM or PARISH VISITATION SKILLS as developed by Dr. John Savage and the LEAD Consultants will begin this Friday night at 7:00 P.M. Participating from our congregation are: Miriam Bixenman, Ralph & Judy Church, Ruby Cline, Eunice Conrad, Andy Cook, Karen Flickinger, Bill Franklin, Steve & Tana Harter, Mildred Hartman, Bruce Lehman, Pat Mullen, Sharon Pauley, Mark & Pauline Snyder, Janet Weicker, and Laura York.

In addition to our 18 we will have 5 from Saturn Christian, 3 from Waynedale Methodist, and 4 from Wabash Christian for this intensive 40 hour training one weekend a month for four months led by Dr. Cline.

We would accept last minute registrants if others would take advantage of the training in listening skills, handling criticism, and many other things related to calling in church homes. Call the church office now!

We have two car loads slated to go to Plymouth, Indiana, on Sunday afternoon and evening and Monday evening, September 23 & 24 to attend the CHURCH GROWTH SEMINAR to be led by Dr. Win Arn, Executive Director of the Institute of Church Growth in California.

Our registrants for the 9-hour Seminar include, Miriam Bixenman, Peg Buskirk, Ralph & Judy Church, Harold Cline, Andy Cook, Karen Flickinger, Rose Jenkins, Bruce Lehman, Marge Lehman, Pat Mullen and Sharon Pauley.

"Whether a person goes to church regularly or not does not depend on how far he lives from church, but how far he lives from God."

CWF SALAD POTLUCK - SEPTEMBER 18

The Christian Women's Fellowship Salad Potluck will be September at 6:30 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. Women are asked to bring a salad to share and their own table service. The beverage will be supplied. Hostesses for the meal are the Deborah and Rebecca Group.

The Program will feature Rev. Terry Russell speaking on "IMPROVING OUR SELF IMAGE." Guests are welcome. Call the church office to make reservations.

D.M.A. TRIP ON SEPTEMBER 25

We will leave by bus at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday the 25th for the Sechler Pickle Factory for a tour. Following our time there we will go to Grabill for lunch and browsing and returning in mid afternoon. Cost is \$5.00 per person for the bus. Call the office for reservations.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

SEPTEMBER 16 - 22

Bruce Lehman (16)
Elna Taylor (16)
Dan Flickinger (17)
Debra (Nordblom) White (17)
Winnie May Ferguson (17)
Sue Allen (18)
John Freed (18)
Robert Rayl (18)
Ruth Eiler (19)
Virginia Johnson (19)
Rosalie Hall (20)
Klark Kerley (20)
Ellen Crowder (21)
Ruth Norton (21)
Nena Lucas (21)
Terry Roseberry (22)
Michele Coleman (22)

OVERSEAS STAFF: Lynn Thompson

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worships
30 A.M. Church School
30 P.M. Church Growth Seminar
Plymouth, Indiana
10:00 P.M. Shepherding Group #12,
Parlor
30 P.M. Bell Choir
45 P.M. Bible Study
30 P.M. Chi Rho/CYF
10:00 P.M. Evening Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

10:00 A.M. Study Group
10:00 P.M. Church Growth Seminar

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

10:00 A.M. DMA trip
10:30 P.M. Worship & Pastoral
Relations Committee

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

10:30 A.M. Through Death to Life

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

10:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
10:30 P.M. Lay Personnel Committee

COUNTRY NEEDS: TUNA, CANNED FRUIT,
POWDERED MILK, CRACKERS, P-NUT
BUTTER

ing will be jointly presented by: Dr. John Trefzger, with whom she worked
over 10 years in First Christian, Bloomington, Ill.; Rev. Franklin McGuire
who was pastor here when she was hired; and Dr. Cline with whom she has
worked for eight years. Her son, Jay, from Texas will be making a special
presentation.

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CHURCH LOYALTY MONTH

PARTICIPATION RISING --

We had 321 in the worships on Sun-
day, 163 in Church School, 110 in
School of Christian Growth, and 25
in Youth Fellowships--we invite all
to return and others to join this
Sunday.

We rejoice in the sign up for com-
ing events last Sunday--224 for the
Retirement Dinner honoring Miriam
Bixenman; 34 regular couples, 3 sub
couples, and 1 sub single for Din-
ners of Eight; and 31 for the Area I
Assembly Dinner. Others may sign
this Sunday or may call the church
office, 744-3239.

MIRIAM BIXENMAN RETIREMENT --

Miriam Bixenman will be leading
both morning worship hours this Sun-
day the 23rd in all but the sermon.
Dr. Cline will be preaching on "TH-
ROUGH PRAYER TO REALITY IN PERSONAL
PRAYER."

Our major celebration will be dur-
ing Divine Worship at 10:45 A.M. on
the 30th with a dinner following
concluded by a short program and
reception. The message of the morn-

SERVING SEPTEMBER 23

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and
Rolland Ripple
10:45 A.M. William Love and
Robert Orr

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SW, R.
Johnson-NW, A. Lee, E. Brown
10:45 A.M. T. Harter-SW, W. Bowen-
NW, B. Hendricks-SW, J. Stucky, P.
Mullen, J. Jump, B. Mettler

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
D. Dickey, Tony Evans
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Barbara Mettler & Delores Keebortz

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Max, Lois & Barb Finkhousen

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. A. Lee
10:45 A.M. B. & D. Short, B.S.
Johnson

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - D. & S. Thompson
NUR. III - N. Harter & E. Conrad
K-1 - L. McBride

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 594 Mr. Art Busse
584 Mrs. Cecile Chevalier
623 Mrs. Alice Malotte
M311 Mr. Jack Gerrard

PARKVIEW: 716 Mr. Dick Mory
DISMISSED BUT OUTPATIENT THERAPY:
Ralph Keller

PARKVIEW: 524 Miss Anita Petty
TRANSFERRED TO FAIRFIELD HEALTH
CARE CENTER, 2626 Fairfield, #321,
Mr. Arthur Mowery. Mrs. Chevalier
is on the waiting list for this
Care Center.

RESPONSES TO INVITATION

MR. and MRS. DICK MORY, and
son, KEVIN, 617 Candlelite Ct.
07, 456-3961, in a transfer of
membership from Crestview Christ-
ian Church of Indianapolis.
Dick is employed by J.O. Mory
Stores, Inc. of South Milford,
but is now off with his serious
illness. Before coming to this
work he had worked 20 years in
education, 13 as a principal.
Diane has joined our choir and
has taught high school english.
Kevin is a seventh grader at
Ben Guyer. Two younger sons in
the home are Eric who is a fifth
grader and Dan who is almost 5.
We welcome this family in our
fellowship!

APOLOGY:

Marge Lehman and Sherri Melchi
had the Fellowship Coffee Hour
last Sunday and Max, Lois, and
Barb Finkhousen will have it
next week. Information wasn't
written and the pastor made a
slip. Sorry for the confusion!

NEW CHI RHO OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT - Kristin Byers
VICE-PRESIDENT - Tim Knuckles
SECRETARY - Dawn Ketner
TREASURER - Scott Johnson

THANKS TO THE CHURCH!

Thank you for the prayers,
calls, cards and love expressed
for my heart surgery and recup-
eration! I rejoice in the gift
of life and progress in health!

Bob Pauley

ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON SEPTEMBER 4, 1979

Upon recommendation of the Education Committee the Board elected the following educational personnel:

REGULAR TEACHERS; Karen Zimmerman, Nursery II Teacher - 1 year extension
Nila Schilling, Nursery III Teacher - 1 year extension
Edna Nordblom, Co-Teacher 4th & 5th Grades - 2 year term
Mark Akers, CYF Teacher, 3 year term

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: Barbara Johnson, Nursery I - 1 year term
Lois Finkhousen, Nursery II - 1 year extension
Marilyn Byers - Kindergarten-First Grade - 1 year term
Eunice Conrad - 2nd & 3rd Grades - 2 year term
Eileen Klepfer - 4th & 5th Grades - 2 year term
Sam Hayes - CYF - 3 year term

The Board elected Ben Taylor and Connie Wells for two year terms to the Pay Personnel Committee by the Board. The other nominees were Bill Franklin and Bob Hendricks. We thank all four for this willingness to serve!

The Board approved an action for the South West Senior Center to use our Fellowship Hall on a regular basis if it was not going to continue at Grace United Church of Christ *(Since the meeting, action has progressed to reopen the site at Grace United Church of Christ on October 1 with some new guidelines of relationship.)*

In our finance and stewardship reports, the operating fund was in the black in spite of low August giving. Yet, the low giving has cut the outreach support so that it was running one month short. The low giving is hurting now in September with three major bills above the usual ones--one over \$2,000; one over \$1100; and another over \$500--these three bills are due from operating income.

The Storm Window debt at the end of August was \$2,312.51. The mini-bus fund had \$30 and the Pantry Fund had \$74. These later two are from special designated giving.

Kathy Lee resigned from the Board of Diaconate because of going to college at Ball State and the limitations of time in Fort Wayne.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER - SEPTEMBER 23 - 29, 1979

Emily Jo (Weicker) Walton (23)	Paul Dunham (28)
Robert Petty (24)	Ellyn Kreischer (28)
Jennie Harter (25)	John Briggs (29)
Sandra Kay Ferrell (25)	Doris Sauerwein (29)
Andrea Benny (27)	Ralph Richards (29)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER DURING SEPTEMBER: Lynn Thompson, Japan

RETIREMENT (from page one)

The Dinner on the 30th will be at 12:15 P.M. with meat, drink, rolls, cake and table service provided. Reservations are requested. Barbara Short will lead the short program following the meal. The celebration closes with a lawn reception ending by 2:00 P.M.

GIVING UPSURGE NEEDED

Low giving which has been most-hurting in May, June, and August has taken its toll. We stayed in the black to date but we have three major operating bills by September 30 of \$612.63, \$1,155.75, and \$2,072.00 -- this is a total of \$3,840.38 in addition to regular ongoing bills. We need generous giving on both the 23rd and 30th very desperately. Special gifts would be appreciated. Catch up support is urgent. Generosity by all will enable us!

CHI RHO MAGIC EVENT

All Chi Rho youth are invited to attend an "Afternoon of Magic" in Indianapolis, September 29 from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. at 7-8 United Christian Church. Gary Wade, former member of our congregation and magician of real ability, as well as lay minister will be in charge. In addition to Gary's magic tricks, there will be a panel of successful Chi Rho ministers and youth advisors. The afternoon is free and offers youth and sponsors opportunity to get acquainted with other Chi Rho youth and sponsors. Registrations need to be turned in to Bruce Lehman or Sylvia Smith by this Sunday.

DMA TRIP TUESDAY

Our DMA meets at 9:00 to leave by bus for St. Joe to the Sechler Pickle factory for a tour. (Wear sturdy shoes, we might be walking in a bit of water.) We will then go to Grabil for a meal and browsing. We have 37 signed up at time of writing -- need 9 more participants. Call the church office or send \$5.

DINNERS OF 8

On page 1 the fine response made last Sunday for this program of acquaintance and relationship was made--we encourage others for regular or substitute lists during October, November, March and April. Sign up by September 25. Hear from these who participated last year:

"We have been taught from childhood that the church is the family of God. Do you ever feel you don't know your family? There is a program here to help you get your family together--it's called DINNERS OF EIGHT. We have had marvelous get-acquainted sessions. Now we know people from all the age groups in the congregation--and we think that the best people in Fort Wayne go to First Christian. Please sign up for this enriching experience."

Mike & Pat Mullen

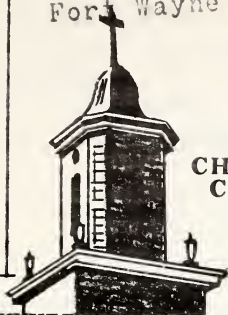
"Both of us will be joining the Dinners of 8 this year because there is something very special about gathering for a meal and sharing around a table. We have affirmed old friendships and enjoyed making new friends. We are looking forward to another year of sharing in our church."

Mel & Barb Busse

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RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR MIRIAM E. BIXENMAN

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

invites you

to share in the

retirement celebration of

MIRIAM E. BIXENMAN

on

Sunday, September 30, 1979

10:45 A.M. - Divine Worship

12:15 P.M. - Dinner and Program

1:40 P.M. - Lawn Reception



The Ministry of Education in which Miriam E. Bixenman has shared for 26½ years will be celebrated as we mark her retirement this Sunday. She served as Minister of Education for First Christian Church of Bloomington, Illinois, from July 1, 1953 until March 31, 1968. She has served here in a similar capacity since April 15, 1968 until this closing date of September 30.

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SERVING SEPTEMBER 30

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Johnson and
George Bruckman

10:45 A.M. Robert Rayl and
Ben Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Place-SW, M. Hutch-
inson-NW, B. Pauley, J. Young

10:45 A.M. B. Grimm-NW, R. Flick-
inger-SE, H. Stevenson-SW, M.
Akers-NE, K. Taylor, S. Hayes,
S. Schell, Monty Tobias

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
Tim Evans, W. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, M. Callahan, J.
Glasgow

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. B. Franklin -

C. Rice - B. Pauley

R. Rayl - M. Akers

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Barbara Mettler & Delores Keebortz

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. M. & S. Callahan

10:45 A.M. P. Akers, R. Krull,
M. Pauley

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K-1 - L. McBride

IN HOSPITALS

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584 Mrs. Cecile Chevalier

592 Mr. Art Busse

PARKVIEW: 716 Mr. Dick Mory

323 Mrs. Wilberta Edington

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Jessie Fern Woodward and family
in the death of her daughter, Linda
Kirtley, in Kansas City on 9/16.

To Marianne Howard and family in
the death of her mother, Lillian Ros-
sell on 9/20.

CALL FOR GIVING

Sunday, September 30th ends
the third quarter of 1979 --
Bring giving to date! The tre-
asurer figured the following
total needed by September 30
before last Sunday.

Needed by Sept. 30 \$6,905.

Received Sept. 23 2,424.

NEEDED SEPT. 30 \$4,481.

Our lives need to give as we
have prospered and the church
needs our giving for its life
and ministry!

CHURCH SCHOOL SHIFT

Because of the set up and dec-
orations for the Bixenman Ret-
irement Dinner three classes
will move for this Sunday the
30th:

COME DOUBLE - to Room 200 (the
Pastor's Study)

HARMONY - to Nave Balcony

BIBLE STUDY - to Room 300 (the
Minister of Education office)

WANTED: PIANIST

An accompanist for the Child-
ren's Choir is desired to play
on Sunday mornings from 11:00 to
11:45 A.M. Some remuneration.
Call Church Office!

OMMISSION FROM STORY:

Laura Marks was omitted from
the listing of persons helping
with food for the dinner this
Sunday! Sorry!

PASTOR CHANGES SCHEDULE

Starting now Dr. Cline is now
taking Fridays off rather than
Wednesdays. Call the church of-
fice for emergency needs on Fri-
day!

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:30 A.M. Chi Rho leave

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship - Bix-
enman Retirement Celebration

12:15 P.M. Dinner & Reception

5:30 P.M. Bell Choir

5:45 P.M. Bible Study

6:30 P.M. Chi Rho/CYF

7:00 P.M. Evening Worship

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

7:00 P.M. Visiting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

9:00 A.M. Ruth Group, Reba
Fusselman, 6309 Bluffton Rd.

7:30 P.M. Search Committee

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

9:30 A.M. Thru Death to Life

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group, Almeda
Rice, 3402 River Forest

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: CRACKERS, CANNED

FRUIT, CEREAL, POWDERED MILK,

SOUP, TUNA

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 6

Gerry Hendrickson (1) Kathlyn Banet (4)

Ruby Pomeroy (1) Becky Stucky (4)

Jim Stucky (1) Jeff Frappier (4)

Marjorie Copeland (1) Stephen Cobb (4)

Fred Grier (1) Tim Evans (4)

Don Short (2) Jean McGrew (5)

Anna Taylor (2) Doug Rogers (5)

Bruce Stone (3) Earl Plummer (6)

OVERSEAS STAFF: Lynn Thompson

CHI RHO TO INDIANAPOLIS

Our CHI RHO will leave at 9:30 A.
M. from the parking lot this Sat-
urday the 29th for a Regional Event
featuring Gary Wade formerly of th-
(continued next column)

RESERVATIONS NEEDED!

We have 37 of our goal of 100 for
the Area Assembly on Sunday Oct-
ober 7. Call the church office
NOW. Major events include 2 hour
workshops in the afternoon. Full
program for CYF, CHI RHO, & Child-
ren. Evening Worship at 7:00 in-
cluding Mass Choir. Barbara Short
is Vice-Moderator and is the nomin-
ee to become Moderator.

SOUTH WEST SENIOR CENTER FOR SOCIAL AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

The meal and program at Grace
United Church of Christ re-opens on
Monday, October 1. The primary
purpose is for relationships and is
for those over 60 of all financial
circumstances. Donations are ac-
cording to ability to pay for the
meal.

THE NEW FORMAT IS:

11:00 A.M. - Meet and visit fr-
iends - Come anytime from 11:00 to
12:00

12:00 NOON - Noon meal (call res-
ervations to 423-1523)

12:30 to 2:00 P.M. DAILY PROGRAM
MONDAY - Sing Along (our Vee Par-
lette is on deck for Oct. 1)

TUESDAY - Bingo (bring white ele-
phant prizes)

WEDNESDAY - Crafts (Lee Van Fos-
sen with wood carvings on Oct. 3)

THURSDAY - Resource for Learning
and/or Entertainment (Oct. 4 -
Movie: HEMINGWAY)

FRIDAY - Table Games or Cards

is congregation. Participating are
Sharon & Tim Knuckles, Melissa Orr,
Connie Smith, Dawn Ketner, Eric
Zimmerman, Bob Briggs, Kevin Mory,
Kristin Byers, Sylvia Smith and
Bruce Lehman.

BIXENMAN RETIREMENT (from page one)

Mrs. Bixenman was ordained into the Christian Ministry at First Christian Church in Bloomington on March 31, 1968. She graduated from Lexington Theological Seminary with a Master of Religious Education in 1968, after being a summer school student there since 1954 and also attending special courses at Bethany Theological Seminary, Hartford Seminary, and Christian Theological Seminary. She received her Bachelor's degree in Education from Illinois State University at Normal, Illinois in 1936 and then taught school two years in Lexington, Illinois.

She married George Bixenman in Chicago in February, 1942 and he died in October, 1949. She has one son, Jay, who works for the Spencer Stores in San Antonio, Texas, and two sisters in Illinois, Gail Salzman and Ida Mae Hughes. Her immediate family will be present for the day.

During Divine Worship at 10:45 A.M. we will mark this celebration in our worship. Mrs. Bixenman will present the children's sermonette and will preside at the communion service. Her son, Jay, will make a presentation of the Honored Retired Minister's Pin provided by the Pension Fund of the Christian Church. Rebecca Stucky will be soloist and all three choirs will sing and play. The sermon on "CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY" will be shared by her three senior pastors, namely, Dr. John Trefzger, now Senior Pastor of First Christian, South Bend, but Senior Pastor of Bloomington, Illinois during her last 10 years there; Rev. Franklin McGuire, pastor of the South Elkhorn Christian Church of Lexington, Kentucky, and Senior Pastor here during her first two years here; and Dr. Harold E. Cline, who has served with her here since August of 1971. Mrs. Marilyn Thompson, a close friend from Bloomington will read the text.

Reservations are still being received for the Celebration Dinner at 12:15 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. Meat, drink, rolls, butter, cake and table service are being provided. Local persons are asked to bring a vegetable, salad, or fruit. (All out-of-town visitors will be guests for dinner) Barbara Short is moderating the program and will be assisted by Andy Cook, Bert Leversee, and Marlene Crouse. Others helping with the dinner include: Nila Schilling, Elinor Place, Sue Allen, Hazel Crouse, Mamie Caldwell, Charline Craig, Karen Flickinger, Dick and Barb Johnson, Mildred Hartman, Jerry Zimmerman, Ralph Church, Harold Cline.

Servers for the Lawn Reception are Peg Buskirk, Elinor Place, Barb and Dick Johnson. Marge Lehman is helping with preparations.

Let us praise God together for the impact of Christ and His love upon children, youth, and adults throughout the conscientious ministry of Miriam Bixenman!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

12:00 Noon CYF BAKE SALE

2:30 P.M. Area I Assembly begins

(see page 3 for schedule)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild,

Lorea Kuhlman, 4125 Warsaw

3:30 P.M. Martha Group,

Phyllis Tobias, 10719 U.S. 27 So.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group,

Zonkerz Restaurant

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:30 A.M. Through Death to Life

12:00 Noon Mary Group, Valetta

Parlette, 4006 Tacoma

7:30 P.M. Meeting of CYF Parents

and others interested in World

Convention.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:30 A.M. Rachael Group, at the
church

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED FRUIT AND
VEGETABLES, P-NUT BUTTER, TUNA,
MACARONI & CHEESE DINNERS, JELLO,
TREET or SPAM.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

RECONCILIATION OFFERING

Sunday in worship marks a special day of spiritual oneness of the people of God at the Eucharistic Table of our Lord. Every believer in Christ is encouraged to heed the call of Christ to meet him at His table!

Dr. Cline's sermon will focus on the communion - "CELEBRATING UNION WITH CHRIST." - Ginny Johnson is soloist and is assisting with music in worship at 8:15 A.M. and the Chancel Choir is singing at 10:45 A.M. Even though we celebrate weekly communion, we rejoice that on this day that not only Disciples, Catholics and Orthodox are at the Table, but also the bulk of the Protestant community also! May we glory in this universal bond of oneness with our Lord!

As a special day we receive one of our six special outreach offerings with the totality of Church-school offering and all in special Reconciliation Envelopes. Reconciliation has been among our Disciple churches for healing ministries to hurting people especially in our cities. Half of the money received is used in Indiana and half for national urban projects or special areas of need.

SERVING OCTOBER 7

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and
Cecil Rice

10:45 A.M. William Love and
Margaret Love

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Busse-SW, D. Kee-
bortz-NW, E. Brown, P. Yentes

10:45 A.M. M. Finkhausen-NW, C.
Crowe-NW, E. Conrad-SW, V. Taylor-
SE, S. Allen, J. Bickel, L. York,
G. Davis

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
S. Keebortz, T. Sauerwein

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, G. Bozarth, R. Jackson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Bev Hendricks and Anne Lee

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Johnson

10:45 A.M. M. & C. Akers, J. Stucky

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - D. & B. Short

NUR. III - L. Jackson, N. Lucas

K-1 - R. Krull

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 584 Mrs. Cecile Chevalier
592 Mr. Arthur Busse

348 Ms. Vickie Euckert

PARKVIEW: 716 Mr. Dick Mory

323 Mrs. Wilberta Edington

SEPTEMBER AVERAGES

	1979	1978
Worship	301	290
Church School	161	115
Thr. Week Educa.	40	13
Giving	\$2,517.00	\$2,215.00

SEPTEMBER 1979 ADDITIONS

John and Kristy Ohneck

Dick, Diane, & Kevin Mory

MINI-BUS DAY - OCTOBER 20

October 1, 1979

Dear Friends,

What a wonderful church family
you all are! And how much
I love each and every one of you.

Thank you all so much for a
wonderful and beautiful Sunday.
I will never forget a minute of
it.

Many, many thanks for the more
than generous check, which, a-
long with some other gifts of
money from friends in and out of
the church and from family,
totalled \$1,128.00.

A big bear hug for the com-
mittee who worked so diligently
in planning the whole day and to
Hazel Crouse and her kitchen
crew.

A special thanks to all my
staff colleagues for their love
and understanding.

Much love, always
Miriam Bixenman

CYF BAKE SALE

THE CYF IS HOLDING A BAKE SALE
during Coffee Hour on this Sun-
day, October 7-proceeds are for
youth participation in the World
Convention.

WORLD CONVENTION in 1980

All parents of CYF Youth and
others interested in attending
the World Convention in Hawaii
on July 16-24, 1980, are invited
to a special meeting at 7:30 P.M.
Wednesday, October 10.

NAMES OMITTED: Jim & Becky St-
ucky and Karen Rogers were acci-
dently omitted from the listing
of Reception workers on Sunday.
Sorry!

HOSTING SUNDAY -- AREA I ASSEMBLY OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

Meal reservations are needed immediately for the 6:00 Dinner to be served by our C.W.F. for this Area gathering. We need to know of all our youth, children and adults who will be eating for this occasion --NOW 744-3239!

THEME FOR DAY - "GATHER TO GROW -- GO FORTH WITH JOY"

- 2:30 P.M. - Registration in Fellowship Hall (Cost is for meal-\$2.25 and \$1.50 for children under 12; Child Care-50¢ for \$1.00 family maximum)
- 3:00 P.M. - WORKSHOPS for Adults and Simultaneous Youth & Children
- *Room 320 - (Choir Room) - WORSHIP & MUSIC - led by Helen Donnell and Phil Zimmerman, both on staff at West Creighton Christian.
 - *Room 120 - (Conference Room) - STEWARDSHIP - led by Ron Parker, Associate Regional Minister of Christian Church in Indiana
 - *Room 230-231 (Parlor) - CHRISTIAN CONCERN, i.e. THE CHURCH AND VIETNAM, REFUGEES & RECONCILIATION - led by Barbara Fuller, pastor's wife and social activist leader among Disciples.
 - *Room 330 (CUC's Class Room) - EVANGELISM - led by Harold Cline
 - *Room 130 (Library) - PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL LIFE - led by Ruby Cline
 - *Room 331 & 335 & Youth Lounge - YOUTH PROGRAM (Chi Rho & CYF) - led by Mark Richardson, Suzanne Mustard, Vickie & Mike Myers
 - *Rooms 132, 133 - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN - led by Don McCord
 - *Rooms 235, 236 (Nursery I & II) - PRE SCHOOL CHILD CARE
- 5:00 P.M. - Mass Choir Rehearsal - Book Browsing and Interaction Time with Participants
- 6:00 P.M. - Supper and Area Business Meeting - Biennial Election
- 7:00 P.M. - Worship and Communion in Nave
- Mass Choir of six congregations singing three anthems
- Barbara Fuller of Ann Arbor, Michigan speaking
- Communion led by Steve Harter and Saturn congregation
- Free will offering for Area Work during worship

CHURCH BASKETBALL TEAM

Sign up is NOW on the Bulletin Board opposite the church office for a Basketball Team to play in a church league at West Creighton this winter. This is for older youth and adults. Sign up as soon as possible - October 14 is the deadline!

CYF BAKE SALE - OCTOBER 7

SATURDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join the informal continental breakfast and discussion of modern relevance of Ten Commandments this Saturday--7:00 to 8:30 A.M.! CALLING ALL MEN!

NEW CYF OFFICERS:

President - Jeff Johnson
Vice-President - Gary York
Treasurer - Tim Sauerwein

CALL FOR GIVING -- PERSONAL EXPRESSION & CHURCH NEED

PERSONAL EXPRESSION - The Bible teaches responsible percentage giving of the resources trusted into our hands. This is a crucial issue in expression of the commitment of life and maintaining a relationship with God our Creator. Love for God and love for man demands expression beyond primary family units.

We have a core of our members giving generously and proportionately at 5%, 10%, or 20% of income or within these amounts!

We have many who give token amounts in proportion to income who need to face giving in light of inflationary income!

We have 76 commitments of giving intentions for 1979 behind a total of \$5,466.33 as of September 20th!

We have literally hundreds of members who have not given in a recordable way to express any commitment to Christ and his body at work in the world during this year!

We have some members who should not be giving a penny because of crises and who really need our help and support!

We would challenge each persons to a rightful expression of life to God in Christ through responsible stewardship of means! It brings reality, meaning, purpose, love, joy, and fulfillment!

CHURCH NEEDS

52 weeks of our annual need of \$156,000 - 39 Sundays	\$117,604.50
Actual giving for 9 months - 39 weeks	106,658.92
CURRENT BUDGET SHORTAGE FOR 1979	<u>\$ 10,945.58</u>

The Budget is needed. Major operating checks left over on September 30th include: \$300 for monthly Storm Window retirement; \$1,051.62 due Pension Fund of Christian Church for pensions and Health Insurance for 3 staff persons; \$1,768.38 due Christian Board of Publication as of September 18 and 30; and \$3,425.25 or the full month of September in outreach. This is a total of \$6,545 in major bills due or past due with other small bills on hand for regular presentation at Board meeting on the 9th and regular October bills. The church needs the regular generous, and sacrificial giving of every member and friend to fulfill its ministry and mission right now!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER - OCTOBER 7-13, 1979

Ruby Kolkman (7)	Doris Koehlinger (11)
Paul Kenline (8)	Bob Beachley (11)
Eileen Klepfer (8)	Gary Parkerson (11)
Joseph Overmyer (9)	Terry Speicher (11)
Melanie Tracey (9)	Jim Taylor (11)
Bill Johnson (9)	Mamie Caldwell (12)
Kathy Graham (10)	Anne Lee (12)
Candance Cole (10)	Charles Wrisk (13)
Mildred Hogg (10)	Howard "Red" Howell (13)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER IN OCTOBER:

John Shuler
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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 & 13

10:00 - 10:00 P.M. Friday & 9:00 A.M.

to 5:00 P.M. Saturday COME

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

10:30 P.M. Chi Rho meet on park-

ing lot for Progressive Dinner

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

10:30 A.M. Church School

10:30 P.M. Bell Choir

11:45 P.M. Bible Study

10:30 P.M. Chi Rho/CYF

8:00 P.M. Evening Worship

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

10:00 P.M. Visiting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

10:30 A.M. Through Death to Life

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

10:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

COUNTRY NEEDS: P-NUT BUTTER,
CEREAL, POWDERED MILK,
MACARONI DINNERS, SMALL JARS,
1 & 2 lb. cottage cheese
containers

Did you notice last week that our Church School averaged 46 more
per Sunday during this September than in 1978? Come join our Church
School with various classes for learning and relationship in the Chr-
stian pilgrimmage. Regularity enables greater learning possibilities.
class awaits YOUR presence at 9:30 A.M. this Sunday morning!

GUEST LEADER

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Miss Itoka Maeda is a native of Japan educated there and in the USA as a Christian leader, served overseas in Brazil and in Okinawa under our Division of Overseas Ministries, and is currently Director of Interpretation for DOM. She will share pictures and a dialogue on the world mission of the church at the 7:00 P.M. hour in the Church Parlor. This is a rare treat to have such a woman with wide church experiences as a guest among us. May we allow her dedication and experience to be an inspiration and help to our lives through sharing her life story and work.

"ESTABLISHING UNION WITH CHRIST" is the title of the morning sermon at 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. The Youth Bell Choir will be playing during both worship hours.

SERVING OCTOBER 14

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. William Franklin and
Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Barbara Short and
William Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Watson-SW, B. Pauley-
NW, D. Keebortz, R. Johnson

10:45 A.M. G. Davis-SW, R. Jenkins-
SE, J. Stucky-NW, S. Grimm-SE, T.

Harter, V. Taylor, W. Bowen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
T. Evans, W. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, M. Callahan, J. Glas-
gow

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. C. Rice - W. Bowen

M. Snyder - B. Hendricks

R. Johnson - P. Yentes

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Bev Hendricks and Anne Lee

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Stucky

10:45 A.M. B. & M. Hix, K. Byers

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - D. & B. Short

NUR. III - L. Jackson, N. Lucas

K-1 - R. Krull

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: M113 - Ms. Jill Franklin

594 - Mr. Arthur Busse

584 - Mrs. Cecile Chevalier

PARKVIEW: 417 Mrs. Jolene Dickey

716 Mr. Dick Mory

WEDDING BY PASTOR

John Thomas Morgan and Toni Jean
Gálvin on 10/5/79. They are res-
iding at 5925 Bunt Dr., 16 in the
Casselwood Apts.

THE PANTRY SERVES NEEDS

From July 1 through September
30, our Pantry Program provided
food for 975 meals, which is an
average of 10.6 meals per day.
These are normally by referral
of Welfare Social Workers for
emergency food needs for a fam-
ily for three days. Thanks to
all who enable this ministry in
Christ's name!

THANKS TO NORTH CHRISTIAN CWF

The C.W.F. of North Christ-
ian Church donated 24 food it-
ems and 34 clothing items for
our Pantry Program last week.

THANKS FOR MUCH WORK!

Thanks to the CYF for usher-
ing people to help them find
groups last Sunday at the Area
Assembly, to Joan Ott for her
long seige of child care, and
most especially to Val Taylor
and all the CWF women who serv-
ed an excellent meal. Thanks
to all who helped host this oc-
casione.

SIGN UP FOR COFFEE HOUR

Prior to now we have enlisted
persons strictly by phone to
serve coffee hour following
worship at 10:45 A.M. This
Sunday we are goint to have
sign up sheets available and we
are anxious to have as many as
possible volunteer either for a
special Sunday or for willing-
ness to be assigned when need-
ed.

TRIP TO EMILY FLINN HOME ON

OCTOBER 23

October 23, 1979 is the date for our annual visit to the Emily Flinn Home in Marion.

Although our CWF organizes this visit, it is a Church-wide project in gifts of love and concern for the elderly residents there. Anyone from our congregation is welcome to go along and participate--men and women.

A list of items needed at the home will be posted on the bulletin board as well as a sign up sheet for any one wanting to go. A box will be placed by the SW entrance for collections of the gifts. If you would prefer to give money, Barbara Short will accept it in the office. Some needed items can be purchased by the Flinn Home at a discount. Mark on your envelope containing money if it is for a certain item you would want purchased for you. Top Value and S & H Stamps are also accepted.

Please have your gifts turned in by Friday, October 19.

For additional information, call Anna Taylor, 747-3843.

YES CLASS RETREAT

The YES Class is having a Retreat at Barbee Christian Camp on November 3 and 4. All young singles are invited. The group will leave the church parking lot at 9:30 A.M. on Saturday and will return Sunday afternoon.

Call Barb Finkhausen at 456-8178 after 4:00 P.M. for more information.

AREA I LEADERS

Our Barbara Short was elected Area Moderator last Sunday evening. As such she is one of two area representatives on the Regional Board. Miriam Bixenman has accepted a four year term on the Recommendations Committee of the Region and Steve Harter a four year term on the Nominating Committee of the Area. CONGRATUALTIONS!

BELL CHOIR AVAILABLE

Our Youth Bell Choir is offering to play 20 minute Christmas music programs for outside clubs and organizations. They are suggesting a \$25 donation. Call Sara Davis at 446-7321 if interested in setting a date or learning more information.

CHURCH BASKETBALL TEAM

We must have all persons sign up no later than the Sunday the 14th is interested in playing church basketball. This is for older youth and adults. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board opposite the office. Indicate Tuesday or Wednesday night or both of these.

PRAY FOR TIMOTHY

Ed Allen, Jr. is the organizing pastor for a new congregation in the Toledo area. An informational meeting is slated at Springfield Junior High School in Holland, Ohio, on November 4 and services are set to begin on January 6, 1980. Pray for Ed as he is working to draw together a nucleus group for this congregation and the two key dates mentioned above.

COLLEGE STUDENTS ADDRESSES NEEDED!

If you have a student away from home, let the church office know so we have current addresses!

ALL CHURCH MINI-BUS DAY----- NOON MEAL ----- SALE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Items big and small can be brought to Fellowship Hall starting Sunday evening, October 14 for our all-church sale on the 20th. All kinds of items are desired--clothing, especially children's; furniture; hand made items, baked goods--whatever will sell. All are urged to come and help and buy on the 20th.

Some leadership personnel include: Pick-Up - Bob Johnson; Pricing - Rose Jenkins and Shirley Callahan; Bake Sale - Val Taylor; Kitchen for noon meal - Irene Current Fox; Publicity - Linda Wiley; Paper Sale - Chi Rho; Car Wash - CYF.

All profits from the day will go into our Mini-Bus Fund - a tentative goal in process of adoption is that we will have our mini-bus by April 1, 1980.

Bring items for sale - volunteer your help on some aspect - come and enjoy relationships and buy on the 20th - invite friends and neighbors to come with you.

GIVING UP - MORE NEEDED!

Giving for 10/7	\$ 4,128.85
GOAL FOR 1979	156,806.00
NEEDED - 40 weeks	120,620.00
GIVING - 40 weeks	111,823.21
Current shortage	8,796.79

Keep the giving coming above the \$3,015.50 weekly level to whittle our deficit for 1979! We can achieve our goal of \$156,806 - it is only 2% higher than what we gave during 1978 for budget, building fund, and storm windows.

APPOINTED LAY VISITORS:

Karen Flickinger and Janet Weicker have undertaken a ministry in our local hospitals. Dr. Cline has submitted their names for this ministry to the Pastoral Care departments of the hospitals. We rejoice in the willingness and dedication of these two! They are also doing some Health Care Center calling, but other volunteers are needed for our special care persons.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER - OCTOBER 14 - 20, 1979

James Brammel (14)	Herb Banet (17)	James Presnell (19)
Lorea Kuhlman (14)	Lillian Breeden (17)	Steve Harter (20)
Edna Vaught (15)	Ruth Ogles (17)	Deanna Roseberry (20)
Eric Baugher (16)	Fred Warner (18)	

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER: John Shuler, Seoul, Korea

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

6:30 P.M. Harmony Class Party,
Bill & Ginny Johnson, 10102
Circlewood

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast Group
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. MINI-BUS
SALE DAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
Sermon: "EXPRESSING UNION WITH
CHRIST"

9:30 A.M. Church School
5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:45 P.M. Bible Study
6:30 P.M. Chi Rho/CYF
7:00 P.M. Evening Worship

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:30 P.M. Board of Elders

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

12:30 P.M. Leave for trip to
Emily Flinn Home

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:30 A.M. Through Death to
Life Class

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: CEREAL, P-NUT
BUTTER, POWDERED MILK, TUNA
SMALL JARS

GROWTH

(NOTE: The following is being
shared with the hope that it
might speak to a need as it
spoke to us.)

*I must keep growing if I am to
keep alive.*

*I had rather be comfortable and
move smoothly in the easy ruts.*

*If I grow outward, toward the
larger dimensions of life,*

*I will find that the more I grow,
the more I realize I don't know.*

*I had rather be satisfied with
the little I understand*

*And believe that I know a lot be-
cause I have experienced a
little fully.*

*It is frustrating to move into
new areas and face the fact
I may fail.*

*But failure is the price of grow-
th and the miracle is:*

*I can fail,
without being a failure.*

--Joe Hale

From ALIVE, NOW, Nov./Dec. '75

SERVING OCTOBER 21

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and
Rolland Ripple

10:45 A.M. Bert Leverage and
Ben Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Pauley-SW, J. Young-
NW, K. Place, M. Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. J. Jump-NW, K. Taylor-
NE, B. Mettler-SW, S. Hayes-SE, J.
Johnson, P. Mullen, B. Hendricks,
B. Grimm

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
B. DeVinney, M. Pontius

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, R. Hunt, B. Kerley

NOTE -- RE: HOMEBOUND SCHEDULE

There is an error in dates on the
printed Homebound Schedule. Be-
ginning with October 21 the day
should be one Sunday later.

PLEASE WATCH TIDINGS FOR CORRECT
DATE LISTING.

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Schellie Schell & Peg Buskirk

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. C. Hendricks

10:45 A.M. J. & P. Bickel, D.
Ketner

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NUR. III - L. Jackson &
N. Lucas

K-1 - R. Krull

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH: 553 Mrs. Deann Halbrook

LUTHERAN: 594 Mr. Arthur Busse

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED: To Jerry Zim-
merman and family in the death of
his grandmother, Emily May, in Ohio
on October 11.

CHURCH MINI-BUS DAY - SATURDAY!

This Saturday, October 20 - all
are invited to contribute, to
work, to support, to enlist oth-
ers for the sale, noon meal, car
wash, and paper drive will all
proceeds for the anticipated
Church Mini-Bus! 9:00 to 4:00
this Saturday, October 20th!

IMPORTANT ELDERS MEETING

All elders are needed at 7:30
P.M. Monday, October 22 in the
Conference Room. The first rough
draft of a new goaling document
is on the agenda.

FUNERALS OF MEMBERS

JOLENE DICKEY on October 13.
Jolene was reared in our fellow-
ship, was married here in January,
1972, and transferred in with her
husband, Dan, early in 1978.
Sympathy is extended to Dan, her
mother, Mary Wilhelm and other
members of the family.

PAUL KENLINE on October 15.
Paul came into our congregation
in 1962 and served as a deacon.
Sympathy is extended to his wife,
Fern, and his family and kin.

RECONCILIATION OFFERING

This special offering for br-
inging healing and hope is now at
\$481.68. Let's pass the \$500
mark this Sunday. This is over
and above our gift of \$150 per
month from budget giving.

THANKS TO CHURCH

Thanks for cards, calls, and
prayers while Cecile was in the
hospital. She is now in Fair-
field Health Care Center in Room
304.
Robert Chevalier

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF CHURCH BOARD ON OCTOBER 9, 1979

Resignation letters were received with regret from William Schilling because of his new job in Lafayette, from Ramona Ketner because of her family move to Phoenix, Arizona, and from Clarence Hetrick. The Board voted approval of the following nominations to fill unexpired terms: BOARD OF DIACONATE: Tim Sauerwein until June 30, 1982; Beth Schilling until June 30, 1981; Lay Personnel Committee: Barbara Johnson, June, 1980.

On joint recommendation of the Education and Outreach Committees the Church Vocation Program of First Christian was amended awaiting congregational action. The basic change was to raise the annual church vocation scholarship grant from \$750 to \$1,000 per year and the limit of help from \$3,750 to \$5,000. Minor wording changes were made to make the policy applicable to all ages and not just youth and to increase the remuneration area for Summer Interns.

Approval was given for new part time staff persons on a temporary basis, namely, Diane Johnson as Financial Recorder and Assistant Secretary, and Tim Sauerwein as Sunday Custodial Help.

Statistical Charts prepared by Ron and Karen Flickinger, a set of goals and strategies, and discussion of Biblical principles for church growth were shared--all were the result of the participation of 11 leaders in the recent Church Growth Seminar in Plymouth. The goals and strategies will be added to the goaling document for consideration of the elders and in time both the board and congregation.

Ed Allen, Chairman of Stewardship and Finance Committee announced the Tony Express Program this fall to ascertain estimates of giving for 1980 and that Mark Akers will be General Manager.

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NEEDS AT WOODHAVEN LEARNING CENTER

Woodhaven Learning Center at Columbia, Missouri, a school for retarded children operated by the Christian Churches is anxious to have gifts of Campbell Soup Labels, Swanson Canned Goods labels, and all kinds of trading stamps. In the past the Center has secured much equipment with these labels. If you have items, leave them in the church office or in Barbara Short's box across from the office.

ADULT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SEMINAR - 1980

Interested adults who would like to join the church tour to New York and Washington should mark the dates not -- March 8-15, 1979. The theme for this seminar sponsored by the Christian Church in Indiana is "Human Rights." Full information will come shortly.

ALL-CHURCH MINI-BUS DAY -- THIS SATURDAY -- OCTOBER 20!
9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. - NOON LUNCH (CHILI) - BAKE SALE
PAPER DRIVE

If you have not already done so bring your items for the Rummage Sale to the church right away! Plan to come and shop on Saturday -- bring friends and neighbors! There will be a Chili Lunch served between 11:30 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. Bake Sale while items last! There will be a paper sale. ALL OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE DAY WILL GO TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF A MINI-BUS FOR THE CHURCH! We are working on goal to have funds available by April 1, 1980!

WHY A MINI-BUS FOR FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH? A mini bus would unify and facilitate transportation needs of various groups of the church. It would give aid to several of our congregation who lack transportation for Sunday or other special events. It is seen as facilitating general transportation needs for congregational activities.

Usage suggested by past activities include: Church representation at General and Regional Assemblies; participating in Regional Youth, C.W.F., and cluster events, provide transportation for church excursions to historical, educational or benevolent institutions; use for Fellowship Groups when involved in out of town recreational events; provide transportation for older persons for D.M.A., Sunday, Class and CWF functions.

Such a bus would cut down the number of vehicles involved and would provide an esprit de corps especially on out-of-town trips.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OCTOBER 21-27, 1979

Leatha Jones (21)

Rebecca (Banet) Patton (21)

William Love (22)

Paula Meadows (23)

Don Pomeroy (23)

Dawn Ketner (24)

Thomas Mathis (25)

Fred Smell (26)

Carolyn (Ripple) Bernhard (27)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER:

JOHN SHULER

CYF MEMBERS NEED THIS SUNDAY
EVENING!

We are looking for all CYF members this Sunday at the meeting beginning at 6:30 P.M. We will be reading through the Christmas play.

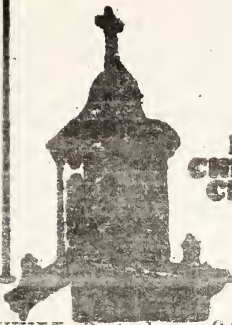
CYF SAYS THANKS!

The CYF says "thanks" to all who supported the recent Bake Sale. They made \$61.00 that day! We really appreciate your support!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:30 P.M. CHI RHO HALLOWEEN
PARTY, Mullen's, 4330 Harrison

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

2:30 P.M. CYF meet to go to

Johnsons for meeting

8:30 P.M. Bell Choir

9:45 P.M. Bible Study

8:30 P.M. Chi Rho

8:00 P.M. Evening Worship

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:00 P.M. Visiting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:30 A.M. Through Death to Life

Class

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

8:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

8:30 P.M. Christian Education

Committee

COUNTRY NEEDS:

TUNA, CEREAL, POWDERED MILK,

SMALL JARS, TREES, CANNED

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

The Choirs of First Christian Church would like to invite you to a special service of music next Sunday at both worship hours, 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. The service will consist of hymns and anthems centering on the theme, "CREATIONS OF GOD".

The Chancel Choir and Youth Bell Choir will be directed by Sara Davis and will be participating in both hours. The Children's Choir directed by Shirley Callahan will sing at 10:45 A.M. only. Jerry Zimmerman will be playing the organ and accompanying the service.

Jack Bickel will be worship leader for both worships and George Bruckman will preside at communion for the early service and William Love for the later hour.

COME JOIN US FOR THIS SERVICE OF
WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC!

SERVING OCTOBER 28

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and
Mark Snyder
10:45 A.M. Dean Widler and
Joe Wiley

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Brown-SE, S. Watson-NW, M. Busse, D. Keebortz
10:45 A.M. M. Tobias-NW, I. Bickel-NE, S. Allen-SW, L. York-SE, H. Stevenson, R. Flickinger, S. Grimm, M. Akers

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, D. Dickey, Tony Evans
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. W. Franklin - J. Young
M. Hartman - R. Jenkins
M. Love

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Schellie Schell & Peg Buskirk

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Pam Bickel and Barb Hayes

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. J. Hendricks
10:45 A.M. B. Mettler, C. Falbe, S. Melchi

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - D. & B. Short
NUR. III - L. Jackson & N. Lucas
K-1 - R. Krull

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH: 815 Mr. Donald Short
LUTHERAN: 594 Mr. Arthur Busse

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Burl Feltenberger and family, in the death of his mother in Herrick, Illinois last week.

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE

The Chi Rho is having another PAPER DRIVE this Saturday the 27th. Bring papers to the church by 9:00 A.M. on Saturday or call for pickup by 3:00 P.M. on Friday, 744-3239.

*****THANKS TO THE CHURCH*****

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the many friends at First Christian for the concern, love and prayers during Jolene's illness.

We so appreciated the many hours Dr. Cline spent with her and us during the last few days and to thank those that served at the communion table at the service.

Thanks, also, for the lovely flowers from the church and for the use of Fellowship Hall for our noon meal.

Love in Christ,

Dan Dickey

Mary & Jim Wilhelm

I thank you all for your prayers, cards, and calls while my husband was in the hospitals and Care Centers for 8 months. Your kind expressions of sympathy at his death were greatly appreciated. A special note of thanks is expressed to Rev. Cline, Mrs. Bixenman, the summer interns, and Karen Flickinger whose many prayers and calls helped to keep hope in Paul's heart.

Mrs. Fern Kenline

CHURCH INVOLVED IN ASSEMBLIES IN ST. LOUIS

The Biennial Assembly of the National Evangelistic Association will meet on Thursday and Friday of this week in St. Louis and will be presided over by Dr. Cline in the absence of the President, Bettie C. Griffith, who is confined with cancer. 1200 to 2000 are expected for this gathering.

The Keynote speaker is Dr. Roger Carstensen of Athens, Georgia, a well-known speaker and Bible interpreter among the Disciples. He will speak on the opening night after opening worship led by our pastor. Top congregations among Disciples will be honored. Plaques will be given to congregations with the largest number of additions in six categories of size. Certificates will be presented to the 100 top congregations in additions during 1978 and congregations recommended by Regional offices because of Evangelism or Membership growth.

Friday session includes presentations by Dr. William Hannah of Indianapolis, Sharing of Victory by Richard Roland of Noblesville, a sermon by Dr. William Howland of National City Christian Church in Washington, D.C., and a closing presentation by Dr. Carstensen. 17 Interest Groups will be held in the early afternoon.

In addition to the 69 persons of our congregation listed during August, we have five additional members of NEA, namely, Mary Lou Hartzler, Opal Carper, Mrs. W.M. Keebortz, Elizabeth A. Harter and Tana L. Harter.

The General Assembly of the Christian Church opens Friday night and continues through Wednesday. This is the official group of our denomination on the international level. Speakers, worship, forums, business sessions, luncheons, and displays will be a part of this activity for approximately 10,000 Disciples.

Chad Cline is a voting representative and will be in the opening procession as a member of the General Board. Andy Cook and Ruth Plummer are Voting Representatives along with Dr. Cline of our congregation. Earl Plummer, Ruby and Carol Cline will be present as non-voting members. Dr. Cline will be speaking for a resolution submitted by the National Evangelistic Association on Monday afternoon.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER - OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 3, 1979

Susan Jones (28)	Helen Foltz (31)	Joe Wiley (1)
Debbie Rinker (29)	August Mueller (31)	Violet Wuthrich (1)
Eva Crowell (29)	James Shirley (31)	Judy Church (2)
Jeff Grier (30)	Shari Eme (1)	Audrey Corkwell (2)
Ben Taylor (30)	Herdis Helmuth (1)	Bill Wyant (3)
Gary Falbe (31)	Coleen Wilcoxson (1)	Jack Brickley (3)

OVERSEAS STAFF: John Shuler

GIVING NEEDED SUNDAY!

GIVING 10/21	\$ 1,789.33
GIVING NEEDED WEEKLY	3,015.50
GIVING WEEKLY AVERAGE	2,764.00

Our accumulated shortage in giving puts a pressure on the treasurer--we have \$3,668.57 yet due during October for local operating costs and \$2,625 due for Outreach support. The giving of every member and friend is needed.

GOAL FOR 1979	\$156,806.00
NEEDED TO DATE	126,651.00
GIVING TO DATE	116,108.89
SHORTAGE TO DATE	10,542.11

We can reach our goal if all would be current in giving estimates and if others would join in with generosity and proportionate giving to income!

THANKS FOR MINI-BUS DAY

I wish to take the opportunity to thank the many people who helped make "Mini-Bus Day" a huge success.

Special thanks to Irene Current Fox and Helen Foltz for great chili and Val Taylor for a successful Bake Sale.

Thanks to those who donated, baked, worked and purchased.

Sincerely,

Rose Jenkins

(ED NOTE: A huge thanks to Rose Jenkins for all of her work! Well over \$1,000 was earned toward this project! Thanks to all!

19.70
- 1.50
CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS 18.1

C.Y.F. will gather at the church parking lot at 3:30 P.M. to leave for all to be at the Johnsons, 10102 Circlewood Drive at 4:00 P.M. this Sunday the 28th. All are needed for the play rehearsal and weiner roast.

CHI RHO HALLOWEEN PARTY

All 6th through 8th graders are invited this Saturday evening at 6:30 P.M. to the Mullen's 4330 Harrison for a Chi Rho Halloween Party. Costumes are optional.

COFFEE HOUR COORDINATOR

Sandy Zimmerman is our coordinator and enlister for Coffee Hour. Many signed up on October 14 to help. She will confirm dates and work through duplications. Call her if you are willing to volunteer or if you have a question:

744-5698. We thank her for her willingness to help in this way.

WORLD CONVENTION AND

YOUTH HAWAIIAN ADVENTURE

Currently our church has the following CYF counselors and youth signed up: William & Virginia Johnson, Chip & Becca Olson, Anne Lee, Mai Pauley, Eric Jenkins, Bill, Jeff, & Scott Johnson. This is for July 16-24, 1980 for the Golden Anniversary of the World Convention of the Churches of Christ.

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THE PONY EXPRESS

Our church has chosen an exciting Pony Express program for this year's finance campaign, which officially starts Sunday, NOVEMBER 18, when the PX "Run" gets under way.

The PX Plan, used successfully in hundreds of other churches, is styled after the famous Pony Express mail relay system of more than a century ago. It relies heavily on team work.

MARK AKERS will head the campaign as "General Manager" Under his guidance will be

six "Station Agents", each supervising five "trail bosses."

Each trail boss will oversee a neighborhood PX "route" composed of 10 families. Each family will be asked to be a route rider, relaying a stewardship "saddlebag" to a nearby family.

You will receive the saddlebag containing your "estimate of giving" card, fill in this card, seal it in an opaque envelope, insert the envelope in the saddlebag and then hand-carry the bag to the next family on the route list attached to the bag strap.

You will make your decision about your financial support of the church in the privacy of your home, without another member of the church present to solicit your response.

The Pony Express theme was chosen because of the example set by the highly dedicated riders of the original Pony Express. In addition to

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SERVING NOVEMBER 4

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Johnson and
William Caldwell

10:45 A.M. Margaret Love and
Dean Widler

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SW, P.
Yentes-NW, R. Johnson, A. Lee

10:45 A.M. V. Taylor-SW, D. Al-
len-SE, M. Finkhousen-NW, R. Jen-
kins-NE, S. Grimm, R. Flickinger,
G. Davis, J. Stucky

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
S. Keebortz, T. Sauerwein

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, G. Bozarth, R. Jack-
son

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Eileen Klepfer and Val Taylor

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Carole Overmyer

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. M. & S. Callahan

10:45 A.M. L. Jump, B. Glasgow,
M. Orr

*NOTE: Will those persons who are
working in the Crib Room during
the 10:45 Worship Hour try to be
in the Nursery at 10:30 to facil-
itate the transition period and
allow for adequate instructions
to be given about each child.)*

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - Joan Ott

NUR. III - M. & C. Akers,
B. Grimm

K-1 - J. Jenkins

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH: 815 Mr. Donald Short

LUTHERAN: 594 Mr. Arthur Busse

IMPORTANT BOARD MEETING

Our regular November meeting is
at 7:30 P.M. next Tuesday, the
6th, in the Conference Room. The
Board consists of Andrew Cook,
Carolyn Falbe, Ronald Flickinger,
George Davis, Barbara Short, Judy
Church, Earl Plummer, Rosemary
Krull, Pam Bickel, Mark Akers,
Delores Keebortz, Ed Allen, Rob-
ert Orr, Rose Jenkins, George
Bruckman, Mildred Hartman, Bert
Leversee, Jack Weicker, Sam
Hayes, Jefferson Young, Sue Allen
Eunice Conrad, Mary Lou Hartzler,
Pauline Horn, Rolland Ripple, Ben
Taylor, Jack Bickel, Richard
Johnson, Mildred Hutchinson, Pat
Mullen, Nila Schilling, Jerry
Zimmerman, and Harold Cline.

OCTOBER AVERAGES

Worship	301
Church School	138
Through-the-Week	
Education	37
Budget Giving	\$2,463.96

THANKS TO:

Laura York, Pat Mullen, Ramon
Ketner, Barb Johnson, and Sand
Zimmerman for colating, folding
and stapling 2000 booklets for th
NEA Assembly in St. Louis!

FUNERAL OF MEMBER

Sympathy is extended to the fan-
ily of Anna Tracey, a member her
over thirty years, who died o
October 24. Don McCord of th
West Creighton Christian Church
conducted the services.

CHOIR SPONSORS SKATING PARTY TO
RAISE MONDY FOR CHILDREN'S
CHOIR ROBES

The Chancel Choir is sponsoring a Roller Skating Party on November 5 from 6:30 to 9:00 P.M. at Roller Dome South. Tickets are \$1.50 per person no matter what age. Skate rental at the rink is 75¢. All proceeds from this party will go into a fund for robes for the Children's Choir. Tickets may be purchased from any member of the choir. Even if you can't go, a ticket-purchase will benefit the robe fund!

An additional event is planned by the choir to benefit this fund. On Wednesday, November 14 the Choir will sponsor a one hour EVENING OF MUSIC program featuring Rebecca Stucky, Sara Davis, Barbara Busse, Jerry Zimmerman and Ginny Johnson. A free will offering will be received for the Robe Fund.

WEEK OF COMPASSION REPORTS

CAMBODIA: Over 2 million people face starvation. Food, medical aid urgently needed. People are dying, there is disease, famine. Church World Service will send food, medicine when way opens. International relief efforts are frustrated by political situation. CWS hopes to mount major relief program. You can help through Week of Compassion.

Marilynne Hill,
Administrative Director,
Week of Compassion

PRAYER RETREAT AT BARBEE

There will be a Prayer Retreat at Camp Barbee from 6:00 P.M. on Friday November 16 through 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, November 17. The Retreat is being led by Ruby Cline. Cost for the retreat is \$6.00 per person plus some share in the food. Registration deadline is November 11. Sign up now by calling the church office!

SOUTH WEST SENIOR CENTER NEEDS YOU!

If you are over the age of 60, the SOUTHWEST SENIOR CENTER located at Grace United Church of Christ, Lexington at Webster is an opportunity for you. Not only are meals served there every weekday for a donation (those under 60 are welcome but must pay \$1.75), there is program and activity each day. Lunch begins at 12:00 noon. Those wanting lunch must phone reservations to 423-1523 24 hours before the meal. The Program begins at 12:30 P.M. and lasts about 1½ hours. A Sing-Along is planned for every Monday. Vee Parlette is leading the Sing Along on November 5. Tuesdays are Bingo days. Wednesdays feature Crafts. Speakers or films are scheduled on Thursdays. On November 1, 8 and 15 Mary Lee Gabbert will show slides, films and display PHOTOGRAPHY AND SYMBOLISM. Friday is Card and game day. On November 29 Bob Sievers will give a TRAVELOGUE ON AUSTRALIA AND THE SOUTH PACIFIC.

Our own Elinor Place is now the Site Director and working hard with others to make the Center a friendly place to be in. Try it-----we think you will like it!

THE PONY EXPRESS (from page one)

their personal commitment, the secret of their success lay in their ability to work as a team -- each rider dependent on the other to make the relay system work and speed the mail on to its next destination.

Likewise, the success of FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH depends on the dedication, commitment and team work of each of our members.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
Group

YES Group Retreat

at Barbee November 3-4

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

5:30 P.M. Bell Choir

5:45 P.M. Bible Study

6:30 P.M. Chi Rho/ CYF

7:00 P.M. Evening Worship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

10:00 A.M. Study Group

6:30 P.M. Choir Sponsored Skating
Party at Roller Dome South

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

9:00 A.M. Ruth Group, Virginia
Bruckman, 3729 South Drive

7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:30 A.M. Through Death to Life
Class

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9:30 A.M. Rachael Group, at the
church

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED FRUIT &
VEGETABLES, CEREAL, POWDERED
MILK

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER NOVEMBER 4-10

Bruce Finkhousen (4)

Marie Pritchard (4)

Ruth Stone (4)

Al Pattengale (5)

John Phillips (5)

Tony York (5)

Martha Christy (5)

Teresa Gardner (6)

Ennis Brown (6)

Jeannette Grier (6)

Armella Newman (6)

Ruby Boxell (7)

Cindy (Hunt) Moriarity (7)

James Evans (7)

Pam Bickel (8)

Ingrid von Buchler (8)

Emma Schell (9)

Wendall Glass (10)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR NOVEMBER:

Aigi and Kiyo Kamikawa, serve in Saitama, a suburb of Tokyo, Japan. They were the first Americans of Japanese ancestry to be accepted as missionary candidates by any American board. Aigi works in the area of Evangelism, has formed men's groups to help train leadership for the churches. He also teaches a Bible Class at the Girl's School where Kiyo teaches.

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THE PONY EXPRESS

Six persons have signed on as Station Agents for our approaching Pony Express stewardship campaign. These Station Agents are currently enlisting Trail Bosses.

Mark Akers, general manager, says the response to requests for campaign workers has been enthusiastic and better than usual.

Mark Akers says he believes part of the excitement over the program is due to its unique approach to raising the church's budget. Instead of making pledges, our members will be filling in estimate of giving cards.

Under the Pony Express plan, each church family becomes a route rider, relaying a stewardship saddlebag to one other family.

A trail boss will be responsible for making sure the saddlebag keeps moving from family to family at a fast pace on his or her 10 family route. A station agent will supervise each five trail bosses.

A trail boss breakfast will be held Sunday, November 18 at 7:30 A.M. to hand out saddlebags and brief the trail bosses. Chief cook for the breakfast will be Bill Love.

Sunday School coordinator for the PX is Bev Hendricks. Our mail clerk is Barbara Johnson and publicity agent is Judy Church.

Persons who have signed on as station agents are George Bruckman, Bill Franklin, Merle Grimm, Tom Harter, Sam Hayes and Joe Wiley.

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SERVING NOVEMBER 11

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Rolland Ripple and
Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Joe Wiley and
Ben Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SW, K.
Place-NW, M. Hutchinson, B.
Pauley

10:45 A.M. T. Harter-SW, P. Mul-
len-SE, W. Bowen-NW, B. Hendricks-
NE, J. Jump, B. Mettler, K. Taylor,
S. Schell

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
Tim Evans, W. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
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gow

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Eunice Conrad and Sally Rudy

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T. Smith

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S. & B. Hayes

K-1 - J. Jenkins

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 594 Mr. Arthur Busse

ST. JOSEPH: 815 Mr. Donald Short
703 Mrs. Emily (Weicker) Walton

THANK YOU NOTE:

"Your kindness and sympathy
are more deeply appreciated than
any word of thanks can ever ex-
press." Family of Anna Tracey

RECONCILIATION OFFERING

The special Reconciliation of-
fering taken primarily on World
Communion Sunday totalled \$510
and is being remitted this week.
We thank each and every person
for this over-and-above giving
to help in healing ministries
in our state and nation.

MINI-BUS SALE DAY

The total profit from our
Mini-Bus Day on October 20
stands at \$1,050.55. Thus, our
Mini-Bus Fund is up to \$1,143.80.
All are thanked for contribu-
tions and work on this project.
Designated gifts can be made at
any time. Tentative goal to ob-
tain a Bus is April, 1980.

YES GROUP AT CAMP BARBEE

Our YES Group (College & Car-
eer Singles) had an overnight
retreat at Camp Barbee last
Saturday and Sunday. Partici-
pating were Marlene Crouse,
Robin Diehm, Barb Finkhousen,
Carolyn, Julia, & Nancy Hendric-
ks, Linda Wilburn, Bob King,
Bruce Lehman, Robbie Pauley,
and Ken Taylor. New Church
School teacher for the class is
Bill Franklin.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I have been lifted up by your
prayers and wish to thank each
one. I thank our Savior
for your concern and ask His
blessings on you for sharing
your faith with me. Although I
am regaining my physical stre-
ngth, I would appreciate your
continued prayers.

Yours in Christ, Ruth Triplett
(Mother of Rosemary Krull)

MAKE FIRST CHRISTIAN A TITHING CHURCH!

Abraham commenced it --
Genesis 14:18-20
Jacob continued it --
Genesis 28:20-22
Moses commanded it --
Leviticus 27:30
Malachi confirmed it --
Malachi 3:8-10
Jesus commended it --
Matthew 23:23, 24
Christians conserved it --
Romans 6:15-18
II Corinthians 5:14, 15

CAMBODIAN RELIEF

\$128 was given last Sunday as designated giving "WEEK OF COMPASSION FOR CAMBODIAN RELIEF." This option is open this week before we will remit this giving. Things have recently opened up for Church World Service to help the missions in the process of starvation in this tragic situation. A call for \$100,000 in August was just raised to \$5,000,000 on October 26. This is a chance to help in the name of Christ in the midst of the tragic and pitiful actions decimating human beings in our century. WE CAN ACT NOW!

STORM WINDOW DEBT RETIREMENT

The debt on these windows installed last October is now down to \$1,728.34. Special gifts can be made to finish this effort by designation. \$300 is paid monthly from budget giving towards the debt. It would be great to finish this project during 1979!

CHALLENGE FOR YEAR END PUSH

As of November 5, our total budget giving for 1979 is \$121,061.05 against our projected need of \$132,682.00 if we would be on schedule to reach our budget goal of \$156,806 by December 31, 1979. We have exceeded our budget goal in 1977 and 1978 and want it make it the third year in a row!

Yet, it is far more than reaching a goal--at the end of October, our Operating Fund was in the red by \$2,310.89 and we have not paid our October Outreach totalling \$3,125. Our annual insurance premium of over \$2,000 will be due before the end of the year. Heating bills will rise as increased gas is used for the building. Every member and friend is asked to give regularly and generously as possible and to make extra gifts to insure our full ministry through our functioning body of Christ.

COME PROGRAM

The intensive learning of communication skills and a calling format continues this weekend. Participants include 5 from Wabash, 5 from Saturn Christian, and 2 from Waynedale Methodist. Our members are: Miriam Bixenman, Ralph & Judy Church, Ruby Cline, Eunice Conrad, Andy Cook, Karen Flickinger, Bill Franklin, Steve & Tana Harter, Mildred Hartman, Pat Mullen, Sharon Pauley, Mark & Pauline Snyder, Janet Weicker, and Laura York

THE PONY EXPRESS IS COMING!

The following is a personal word from one of our Church families regarding their feelings about giving:

"WHY I GIVE TO MY CHURCH"

"We give to First Christian Church because we believe our church is valuable. Our faith in Jesus Christ is enhanced by the fellowship with other believers we have found at First Christian. The warmth, generosity, love and stability within the church made us want to support such a valuable contribution to our lives. Our money provides means to draw others outside of the church into our fellowship. It is the backbone of a Christian Education program to help us guide our two children in Jesus' ways. When we reflect on all the blessings God has given our family we gratefully reach back to Him with our offerings to First Christian Church."

Jack & Pam Bickel

CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9-10

COME Program

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

5:30 P.M. Bell Choir

5:45 P.M. Bible Study

6:30 P.M. Chi Rho and CYF

7:00 P.M. Evening Worship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild,
Pearl Heidecker, 2445 Fairfield

7:00 P.M. Visiting

7:30 P.M. Martha Group, Pat
Mullen, 4330 S. Harrison

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group,
Aboite House

7:30 P.M. Search Committee

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9:30 A.M. Through Death to Life
Class

12:00 Noon Mary Group, Miriam
Bixenman, 4430 Wilmette

7:00 P.M. Evening of Music
(benefit for children's choir
robe fund)

(Calendar continued)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: POWDERED MILK,
CEREAL, TUNA, CANNED FRUIT,
JELLO, P-NUT BUTTER

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
NOVEMBER 11-17

Marilyn McDougale (11)

Beth Schilling (11)

Diane Miller (11)

Linda Lou Breeden (13)

Linda Eich (13)

Leon Johns (13)

Shirley Callahan (13)

Charles Speicher (14)

Melissa Orr (14)

Ethel Allen (16)

Tom Meadows (16)

Bernard Norman (16)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 17

Prayer Retreat at Camp Barbee

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

7:30 A.M. Trail Boss Breakfast

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

5:30 P.M. Bell Choir

5:45 P.M. Bible Study

6:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF

7:00 P.M. Evening Worship

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

7:30 P.M. Stewardship-Finance
Committee

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:30 A.M. Through-Death-to-Life
Class

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Church Office Closed

PANTRY NEEDS: JELLO, CANNED

FRUIT, CANNED VEGETABLES,

NOODLES, SOUP, TUNA

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

Thanksgiving to God for the richness of blessings, life, and relationships will be at the heart of all three worship hours this Sunday at First Christian. Thanksgiving starts for the Christian at the point of realizing and accepting and appropriating the gift of Jesus into our lives. It should permeate our very being constantly. Thanksgiving Sunday calls us to accentuate our expression of gratitude!

Thanksgiving will ring Sunday in music and hymns! Thanksgiving will be expressed in Scripture and Prayer! Thanksgiving will be sung by the Children's Choir and Chancel Choir! "THANKSGIVING -- THE CONSCIOUSLY DEDICATED" is the sermon title for the morning worships! Thanksgiving will come in the informal Celebration Worship at 7:00 P.M. in the parlor! Thanksgiving is at the heart of the Lord's Supper in each worship!

Thanksgiving is a natural theme as this Sunday marks the beginning of our Pony Express. Our 6 Station Agents and 30 Trail Bosses have a MUST breakfast at 7:30 A.M. and MUST WORSHIP at 8:15 or 10:45 A.M. Our thanks expressed in giving will be through Special Thanksgiving Offering for others, our regular weekly giving, and our involvement in estimates of giving in the Pony Express. THANKS IS GIVING!

SERVING NOVEMBER 18

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Cecil Rice and
Robert Johnson

10:45 A.M. Robert Orr and
Dean Widler

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Busse-SW, D. Kee-
bortz-NW, J. Young, E. Brown

10:45 A.M. S. Grimm-SE, H. Steven-
son-SW, M. Akers-NE. R. Flickinger-
NW, B. Grimm, M. Tobias, S. Allen,
J. Bickel

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith
W. DeVinney, M. Pontius

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, B. Kerley, R. Hunt

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Pat Mullen and Rose Jenkins

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Mark and Pauline Snyder

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. A. Lee

10:45 A.M. M. & D. Brian, B.
Finkhousen

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - J. Ott

NUR. III - M. & C. Akers

S. & B. Hayes

K-1 - J. Jenkins

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 594 Mr. Arthur Busse

St. JOSEPH: 703 Mrs. Emily

(Weicker) Walton

COULD YOU HELP??

The Martha Group is helping a family that lost part of its home in a fire. They are trying to located a dresser and bed or beds. If you can help or know where these items could be purchased at a low price contact Barbara Short or Rosemary Krull.

RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION

MR. and MRS. KENNETH CRAWFORD, 3932 Thornbury Pl. 04, 432-7672, identified with us in a transfer of membership on Sunday. They have come to us from the Oaks Christian Church of Houston, Texas and previous to that from Central Christian in Huntington. Ken is Manager of Training Services for Majestic, Inc. of Huntington. Sherry is "temporarily retired" from the Band of Roanoke to give full time as homemaker. They have four sons - Scott in fifth grade, Matt in third grade, Nick in first grade, and Craig, a couple of years behing still in the home. We welcome this family into our fellowship and community.

C.Y.F. HAWAII PROJECTS

Our CYF is fund raising for a trip to the World Convention of our Churches in Hawaii next summer. Available during Coffee Hour this coming Sunday will be packages of 5 light bulbs including 100, 75, and 60 watt bulbs @\$2.50. They also have catalogue orders for Current brand cards and gifts.

THANKS FOR NEW RED DIRECTORIES

The bright red CHURCH DIRECTORY with staff, members, and friends of First Christian were mailed this week. If any do not receive a copy and desire one, call the church office, 744-3239.

Much thanks to Karen Flickinger who typed the dummy and offset masters, to Ramona Ketner and Sandy Zimmerman who read proof, to Barbara Short for printing and to Almeda Rice and Inez Petty for assembling and to Anna Taylor for mail preparation.

PONY EXPRESS RUN BEGINS SUNDAY!

Our Church's Pony Express RUN gets under way Sunday with a trail boss breakfast and the two morning worship services.

Mark Akers, general manager of the stewardship campaign, will distribute saddlebags and RUN route lists at the 7:30 A.M. breakfast to be held in Fellowship Hall.

He will explain the PX RUN at the morning services, demonstrating how to use the saddlebag and relay it to the next family.

The relay of the stewardship saddlebags among our church's members will begin immediately after the service. Each saddlebag bears the names and addresses of 10 families in a given area.

When you receive the saddlebag, please act quickly to fill in your estimate of giving card, seal it in your enclosure envelope, insert it in the saddlebag pouch, and then hand-carry the bag to the family whose name appears below your own on the route list attached to the bag.

We urge you to use and relay the saddlebag within 24 hours after it is handed to you.

The teamwork necessary for the Pony Express RUN to be a success is similar to that of the Pony Express of more than a century ago. Each rider knew he could count on the next rider to relay the mail (in our case, the "church" mail) to its next destination.

We are grateful to the persons who have agreed to serve as our trail bosses and help supervise the relay of our saddlebags. Each trail boss will oversee 10 of our route riders (families). Our trail bosses are: *Vila Schilling, Rose Jenkins, Jack Sauerwein, Marilyn Byers, Jim Stucky, Herb Banet, Jack Bickel, Andy Cook, Vince Wells, Chip Olson, Mike Mullen, Monty Tobias, Ennis Brown, Rolland Ripple, Ronald Flickinger, John Briggs, Mary Lou Hartzler, Bill Johnson, Jim Jump, Bert Leversee, Bob Johnson, Mildred Hartman, Mildred Hutchinson, Dean Widler, Bruce Lehman, Earl Plummer, Eunice Conrad, Delores Keebortz, Ben Taylor, and Mark Snyder.*

A spirit of friendly competition is likely to arise among some of our trail bosses, each eager to see that his or her route "run" is completed first!

Be in the worship service this Sunday morning to participate in the official start of the RUN.

WHY I GIVE TO MY CHURCH!

"All the reasons in the world for giving to the church really boil down into just one--we give so that God's work may continue here on earth.

It's a good feeling to know that the money we give--money which really represents minutes and hours of our lives--helps provide a meeting place where people may come to hear of God's plan and from which they may go to share this divine plan with others who so desperately need it.

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PONY EXPRESS ("WHY I GIVE")

It's wonderful, too, to realize that our outreach giving through our regular church budget can sustain, can touch, and can heal the lives of those whom we shall never meet or know, but whose lives will be made immediately richer because we took the time to share our worldly goods with them.

In short, we give to our church so that Christ's ministry of love, forgiveness, and eternal life can continue to reach beyond our frail selves into all the world."

Jack and Janet Weicker

MAKE FIRST CHRISTIAN A TITHING CHURCH

How to Tithe:

1. Decide Now to Tithe for a specific period of time -

II Corinthians 9:7

2. Determine the Amount in light of Income - *II Corinthians 8:3-5; I Corinthians 16:2*

3. Direct Tithe to Church -

I Corinthians 8:1-5

4. DO TITHE REGULARLY -

I Corinthians 16:2

CAMBODIAN RELIEF

Special Giving for Church World Service relief in Cambodian and Thailand border refuge camps has increased to \$370.50. Mark any special giving for this Cambodian Relief.

Note the words of Gov. Robert D. Ray of Iowa at the recent General Assembly of our church: "Have you ever stood in a small muddy spot for about two hours while five people died around you? I did, two days ago, at a Cambodian border camp. Those deaths were only part of the more than 50 who died in that one camp, on that day." He ended by saying, "Don't tell me of your concerns for these people when you have a chance to save their lives. Show me!"

The Assembly of 6,000 responded with a freewill offering of over \$30,000.

Have you given? WE CAN!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

NOVEMBER 18-24

Robert Corkwell (18)

Muriel Crouse (19)

Lee Higgins (21)

Laura York (21)

Roger Parkerson (22)

Ed Allen, Sr. (23)

Nellie Buchanan (24)

OVERSEAS STAFF: Aigi & Kiyo
Kamikawa

GIVING NEEDED:

Budget Giving 11/11	\$2,166.24
WEEKLY NEEDED	3,015.50
Needed-45 Weeks	\$135,697.50
Received-45 Weeks	\$123,227.29

PRAYER RETREAT AT BARBEE

Miriam Bixenman, Eunice Conrad, Rose Jenkins, Jennie Harter, Tana Harter, and Sharon Pauley are registered for the Retreat this Friday night and Saturday at the House at Barbee to be led by Ruby Cline. CALL NOW IF YOU CAN GO.

THANKS FOR CORNUCOPIA

We thank Elinor Place and Sue Allen for the Cornucopia and other Thanksgiving Decorations in our Worship Nave.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:45 P.M. Bible Study
6:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF
7:00 P.M. Evening Worship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

7:00 P.M. Visiting
7:30 Search Committee

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

7:30 Worship & Pastoral
Relations Committee

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:30 A.M. Through-Death-to Life
Class
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
Rehersal

PANTRY NEEDS: TUNA, CANNED
FRUIT, CANNED VEGETABLES,
CEREAL, NOODLES

CONGREGATIONAL DINNER

Sunday, December 2, 1979
12:15 P.M.--Bring Covered
dish and table service.

THANKSGIVING CORNUCOPIA

For three weeks we have had the decorative cornucopia on our chancel. This Sunday we desire to add our food gifts for the Pantry program to the decoration. We are asking that we bring foodstuffs for the Pantry to stock our supply.

The Pantry is an ongoing program of emergency food aid to families referred by social workers of the welfare department when other aid cannot be provided. Food is given for three days only and is basically not repeatable. For the nearly eight years of the program, we have provided food averaging almost two families per day. Express thanks in this giving Sunday!

Thanksgiving will highlight various aspects of our worship again this Sunday especially in music and cornucopia gifts. The sermon is from the ministry of Jesus with the title, "ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTION" based on Mark 12:28-34. This is a sermon dealing with a basic life stance related to the Gospel.

NOTE: Foodstuffs may be brought to the Chancel either as you first enter the building or during our offertory of worship. Some make designated gifts regularly for the Pantry).

SERVING NOVEMBER 25

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. William Franklin, and
Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. William Johnson and
William Love

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Church-SW, R. Johnson, NW, S. Watson, P. Yentes

10:45 A.M. L. York-SE, E. Conrad-SW, C. Crowe-NE, G. Davis-NW, M. Finkhousen, V. Taylor, R. Jenkins, D. Allen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith
D. Dickey, T. Evans

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. B. Leversee-D. Keebortz
R. Church-M. Hutchinson
R. Orr - S. Hayes

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Pat Mullen and Rose Jenkins

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Margaret and Bill Love

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. N. Lucas

10:45 A.M. D. & B. Short
B. & S. Johnson

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - J. Ott

NUR. III - M. & C. Akers
S. & B. Hayes

K-1 - J. Jenkins

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran: 594 Mr. Arthur Busse

221 Mr. August Mueller

FRUIT CAKES

The Ruth Group is selling Fruit Cakes at \$1.70. See one of the members or call Virginia Bruckman--485-0168.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

\$511.25 has been received to date for our special outreach offering for others. We rejoice in these gifts and encourage others this Sunday through special envelopes to help us reach \$600 in this special offering.

CAMBODIAN GIFTS

On the last three Sundays \$562.50 has been received for Cambodian relief through Church World Service. We have remitted this money immediately for usage.

THANKS FOR EFFORTS--

Thanks goes to Ron Flickinger for his regular and steady work as Church Treasurer. This demands regular accounting and issuing of checks. It is complicated by the lack of funds which has put us with deficits and problems of being behind. We say thanks for steady work for the church in this responsibility!

PROGRESSIVE CLASS PARTY

Annual Christmas Dinner at 6:30 P.M., Saturday, Dec. 8, 1979 in Fellowship Hall. Meat, rolls, & drink furnished.

Bring covered dish, table service, and a \$1.00 gift labeled "Man" or "Lady" for exchange.

Guests are welcome!

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Carrie Smelser whose son-in-law, Eris Rabourn, died on 11/15/79 and to Ruth O'Laughlin in the death of her brother-in-law. Sympathy is extended to both family groups.

PONY EXPRESS IS RUNNING!

Our church's members are saddling up and riding fast in our Pony Express stewardship campaign.

32 trail bosses and station agents were on hand Sunday for a briefing breakfast. The trail bosses began the circulation of the stewardship saddlebags following the morning worship service.

Early reports indicate an enthusiastic response to the program. Mark Akers, general manager of our campaign, says trail bosses report most families are relaying the saddlebags within 24 hours after they get them, just as requested.

A progress report will be given in the worship service this coming Sunday.

Mark Akers says he has found members of our church pleased to fill in estimate of giving cards, instead of signing the pledge cards used in the past.

If the saddlebag has not yet reached your home, please be patient. It should arrive in the next few days! When it does come to you, don't delay filling in your card or passing the saddlebag on to the next family. Remember to report by phone to your trail boss as soon as you have done your part.

You who are parents of elementary age children and youth are requested to encourage them to fill in their own estimate of giving cards, found in your envelope in the saddlebag. Let's help them to establish now the habit of definite and regular giving, in the hope that this practice will continue throughout their lives.

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF BOARD ON NOVEMBER 6, 1979

The Board approved the recommendation of the Education Committee to hire a regular staff persons for Nursery I to care for Crib Babies and Toddlers to work each Sunday morning from 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 noon. This will provide consistency, be attractive for newcomers, provide continuity, and will still require volunteers at 9:30 and 10:45 A.M.

Approval was given to accept a change in the designation purpose of the David Hogg Memorial Gift from exterior lighting to Chapel lighting. Jack Weicker was approved as Vice-Moderator of the Board to fill the current unexpired term until next June 30. William Franklin was elected teacher of the YES Class.

Lengthy discussion was held concerning the Asking Budget for 1980. After much discussion and a couple of motions, approval was given to the Asking Budget of \$192,825 of which \$140,760 was for operating expenses or 73% and \$52,065 was for Outreach or 27%.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 1

Marlena Crouse (25)

Ron Flickenger (25)

Joan Ott (25)

Elva Stephans (25)

Jo Ellen Hendrickson (26)

Frederick Sheets (26)

Jerry Ferguson (27)

Mary Sue Ludwig (28)

James Clausen (29)

Opal Perkins (29)

Bethel Breeden (1)

Steve Frappier (1)

YOUNG COUPLES CLASS

7:00 P.M., Sunday, Nov. 25 with
Tom and Nancy Harter, 1321 Putnam.

D.M.A. HOLIDAY DINNER:

The D.M.A. will have its regular dinner at 12:00 noon next Tuesday the 27th in Fellowship Hall with a program following. Bring a covered dish and table service and COME!

CALL FOR GIVING!

We still have a bill of October amounting to \$590.50 which is overdue because a part of the check was for health insurance through the Pension Fund which is to be received by them 30 days in advance--The portion of the check for health insurance is for December--this is less than the 30 day limit! This points to the crying needs below:

Giving--11/18	\$ 2,680.60
Needed Weekly	3,015.50
Needed--46 Sundays	138,713.00
Giving--46 Sundays	125,907.89
CURRENT SHORTAGE	12,805.11

CHRISTMAS CREATIVE WORKSHOP

On Saturday, December 1, the CWF will sponsor a CHRISTMAS CREATIVE WORKSHOP for any woman in the church. Time 9:00 to 11:30 A.M. in Fellowship Hall.

Members of Fort Wayne Settlers will be leading this Workshop. They are donating their time for this event and have been working for weeks to prepare three craft projects for the morning. There will be Herb Wreaths, Quilted Ornaments, and Salt Dough Ornaments. Everyone coming to the Workshop will make an Herb Wreath. Persons then choose between the other two workshops. A donation will be accepted for materials. Those attending should make reservations before Friday, Nov. 30! Guests Welcome. Participants should bring a pair of scissors, needle and thread and scraps of materials (For quilted ornaments). Coffee will be served from 9:00 to 9:30 by the Fellowship Guild and Ruth Groups. Sue Allen will lead the closing worship. Call reservations to the church office--744-3239.

LEADING ELSEWHERE

Dean and Elsie Widler led a Lay Witness Mission at First Christian Church in Salem, Ind. this past weekend. In preparation the elders had called in every member home! Wow! Bill Johnson was a Guest Teacher at Aldrsgate Methodist this past Sunday morning in Church School.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

TURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
00 A.M. CWF Creative Christmas
Workshop

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
30 A.M. Church School
2:15 P.M. Congregational Dinner
45 P.M. Bible Study
30 P.M. Chi Rho/CYF
00 P.M. Christmas Carol Sing

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

10:00 A.M. Study Group

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

00 A.M. Ruth Group, Sarah
Smith, 3927 Meda Pass
30 P.M. Fellowship Guild at
Richard's Resturant
30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

30 A.M. Through Death to Life

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

30 A.M. Naomi Group, Rychie
Smell, 4126 Roxton Lane
30 P.M. Chancel Choir

COUNTRY NEEDS: NOODLES, SOUP, TUNA,
CEREAL, P-NUT BUTTER

ADVENT BEGINS

The preparation Sunday for the birth of Christ begin on December 2. Come, celebrate the God made known in Jesus throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons of the church.

Our Advent Wreath will be hung and the first candle of Advent lit during both worships this Sunday. Our Hymn of the month runs "Come, Thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free; From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee."

SERMONS FOR ADVENT

Dec. 2 - "OUR ETERNAL GOD"

Dec. 9 - "OUR GOD IN TIME"

Dec. 16 - "OUR GOD IN PERSON"

Dec. 23 - "OUR WONDROUS GOD"

Sunday evenings will help us in our Advent pilgrimage. We begin with a carol sing and carol story worship this Sunday at 7:00. Our C.Y.F. gives the play, "TO ALL PEOPLE" on December 9th. All are invited to go caroling on two chartered buses from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. on the 16th.

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SERVING DECEMBER 2

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Cecil Rice and
Robert Johnson
10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and
William Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. A. Lee-SW, M. Hutchinson-NW, D. Keebortz, K. Place
10:45 A.M. T. Harter-SW, S. Grimm-SE, J. Stucky-NW, J. Johnson-NE, W. Bowen, P. Mullen, J. Jump, B. Hendricks

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, S. Keebortz, T. Sauerwein
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, G. Bozarth, R. Jackson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mildred Hutchinson & Susie Watson

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. C. Hendricks
10:45 A.M. R. Krull, M. Pauley

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - L. Wiley
NUR. III - N. Harter, E. Conrad
K-1 - L. McBride

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 594 Mr. Arthur Busse
M221 - Mr. Gus Mueller
PARKVIEW: 212 Mrs. Nancy Wyant

DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER

Mrs. Lois Hunt, the mother of Erma Vanderwall, died on November 23.

CONGRATULATIONS ON ANNIVERSARY!

Rolland and Genevieve Ripple celebrated their Fortieth Wedding Anniversary this past weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH:

A daughter was born to Bill and Nancy Wyant on November 26, 1979. Her name is Shannon Alisha.

CHRISTIAN BOOKS FOR SALE

We have consignments from both Christian Board of Publication and Motivation Resources in our Fellowship Hall. Books need to be paid for immediately as they are selected there either during the week or on Sunday morning. Full payment needs to come to the church office or a staff member.

C.Y.F. LIGHT BULBS

Orders for Light Bulbs may be made by calling Ginny Johnson, 432-7087 or the church office, 744-3239. 5 bulbs for \$2.50. Orders may be picked up Sunday morning in Fellowship Hall from 9:15-9:30; 10:30-10:45, or during Coffee Hour.

All CYFer's are invited at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday to go into the neighborhoods with Bulbs!

Profits are for the World Convention Trip next summer!

CUCS CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Christians Under Construction Class will have a Christmas covered dish dinner on Saturday, December 15 at 6:30 P.M. at Widlers, 1918 Buckskin. Each family is to bring a covered dish and 3 dozen cookies or candy to be wrapped and taken to shut-ins.

SPECIAL GIVING

Thanks to all for special Cambodian and Thanksgiving gifts! \$700 was mailed for our Thanksgiving offering and we have now sent \$638 for the crisis relief in Cambodia and on the Thailand border camps.

PONY EXPRESS MOVES TOWARD COMPLETION!

Our Pony Express Stewardship TUN is now coming into the home stretch and competition among the trail bosses is increasing every day.

Some members have explained to Dr. Cline of their eagerness and delight to move their saddlebag on the way.

Trail bosses are urging route riders to keep the saddlebags moving in an effort to complete every run. As of Sunday evening the following Trail Bosses had returned their saddlebags namely, Andy Cook, Rolland Ripple, Delores Keebortz, Mark Snyder, Jim Stucky, Mike Mullen, Earl Plummer, Jack Sauerwein, Ben Taylor, John Briggs, Bert Leversee, Bill Johnson, Jim Jump, and Chip Olson. Station Agents Bill Franklin, Tom Harter, and Joe Wiley had three routes complete; George Bruckman and Sam Hayes, two routes complete; and Merle Grimm, one route complete.

An effort is being made to reach every mobile family in our church with a saddlebag, but at times route riders have difficulty delivering the bag to families that are temporarily away from home. So, if you haven't been contacted yet, call the church office and let us know when you will be at home and can receive the saddlebag.

Our shut-in members who have no way to relay a saddlebag and our non-resident members have already received their estimate of giving cards in the mail. The cards of these persons have been among the first to arrive back at the church office.

Mark Akers, general manager of our Pony Express, will make a second progress report on the PX RUN this Sunday in the morning worship service. You will want to be present to hear it!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

DECEMBER 2-6, 1979

Joyce Crowe (2)
Cindy Akers (3)
Wayne Phillips (3)
Karen Flickinger (4)
Donna Johnson (4)
Mildred Arruza (6)
Ethel Richart (6)
Phillip Bozarth (6)
Brenda (Lee) Hiatt (7)
Sue Kerley (7)
Lois Coleman (8)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER IN

DECEMBER: Richard & Clela
Anderson, Republic of Zaire

CHRISTMAS PLAY

"TO ALL PEOPLE" will be presented by the C.Y.F. Players on Sunday, evening, December 9 at 7:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. Donations of \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for students. Refreshments following the play. Proceeds for C.Y.F. Trip to World Convention!

NOVEMBER AVERAGES

Worship	295
Church School	132
Through-the-Week Edu.	43
Budget Giving	\$2,863.62

NOVEMBER ADDITIONS: Kenneth &
Sherry Crawford

ADVENT BEGINS (from page one)

A major fellowship time is offered in our Congregational Dinner at 12:15 P.M. this Sunday. Rolls, drink and butter are provided. Bring covered dishes. Special guests are new member families: *Rodger Hendricksons, John Ohneck, Richard Morys, and Ken Crawfords.*

Singing, relating, brief business, and interaction on our Goals for the coming years will be included.

Our season climaxes on Monday evening, December 24 with our two Worship Hours. Our 7:00 P.M. Worship is geared for families and children with our Children's Choir singing. Our 11:00 P.M. Worship is our traditional Candle Lighting experience, and our Chancel Choir is singing.

MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS

Christmas and Secular Music in the University Singers Concert at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, December 5, at First Wayne Street United Methodist Church. Tickets in advance are \$2.50 from Mel Busse or Sara Davis or \$3.00 at the door.

Dickens Dinners - Christmas instrumental and Vocal Music, November 29-December 1 at Walbe Memorial Union Ballroom. Begins at 7:00 P.M. with dinner at 7:30 P.M. Tickets are \$9.50. Mel and Sara are singing in both events. Proceeds are for scholarships in the music department at IU-PU, Fort Wayne.

MARTHA GROUP CHRISTMAS FAMILY:

DIRE NEED: Dresser, regular double bed frame, twin bed mattresses and box springs. Call the church office or Rosemary Krull, 432-6181.

CHRISTMAS GIVING

Our people gave \$27,380.80 for all causes last December--we need to do as well or better this year!

BUDGET NEEDED FOR 47 WEEKS:

	\$141,728.50
Actual for 47 weeks	129,004.66
Current Shortage	12,723.84
Giving - 11/25	3,096.77
1979 BUDGETED NEEDS	156,806.00

CHRISTMAS CARD GIVING

We encourage persons to send one card for our Church family with a donation of saved postage and card cost as a special gift for the Flinn Home for Aged and Cleveland Home for Children. Cards will be posted in the Narthex and Senders will be listed in THE TIDINGS.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERING

Special envelopes will be used for our annual Outreach over-and-above giving at Christmas. This is an extra beyond the very basic budget support which is desperately needed this month.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEEDS YOU

A new quarter of study will begin in children, youth, and some adult classes this coming Sunday. If you are a member of a class and have been absent the past few Sundays, you've been missed! We'd like to have you back with us! If you are not a member of a class, they are always open for new members. No matter what age or interest--there is a place for you!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 8

COME Program

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

6:30 P.M. Progressive Class

Dinner - Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

5:00 P.M. Children's Choir

Caroling Party

5:30 P.M. Bell Choir

5:45 P.M. Bible Study

7:00 P.M. CYF giving play,

TO ALL PEOPLE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

6:30 P.M. Martha Group, Laura

York, 6008 Arlene

7:00 P.M. Visiting

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

10:00 A.M. DMA Steering Committee

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group, Char-

King, Waynedale

7:30 P.M. Deborah Group, Ruby

Cline, 5705 Fernwood

7:30 P.M. Search Committee

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

12:00 Noon Mary Group, Florence

Huddleston, 2718 Capital

7:30 P.M. Shepherding Group #4,

Conference Room, #120

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:30 A.M. Rachael Group

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Our Second Candle of the Advent Wreath will be lighted this Sunday at 8:15 and 10:45. Dr. Cline is preaching, "OUR GOD IN TIME". Virginia Johnson is soloist at 8:15 A.M. All leaders in the Pony Express will be recognized during the morning worships. Come and join the festivities in our Advent Worship!

PLAY - "TO ALL PEOPLE"

The CYF Players will present the drama, "TO ALL PEOPLE" this Sunday evening at 7:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. Donations of \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for students will be used for the C.Y.F. Trip to the World Convention during 1980.

Involved in the play are Tim Briggs, Kim Campbell, Clint Crowe, Tony Evans, Eric Jenkins, Jeff & Scott Johnson, Anne Lee, Laura & Tim Sauerwein, Terri Smith, and Wade Smith plus the counselors Bill & Ginny Johnson and Chip & Becca Olson. The Chi Rho youth will help as carolers.

SERVING DECEMBER 9

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and
Rolland Ripple

10:45 A.M. Robert Rayl and
Margaret Love

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Place-SW, J. Young-
NW, M. Busse, D. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. K. Taylor-NW, M. Tob-
ias-NE, S. Hayes-SE, S. Schell-SW,
S. Grimm, M. Akers, H. Stevenson,
R. Flickinger

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
Tim Evans, W. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, M. Callahan, J. Glas-
gow

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. C. Rice - P. Mullen

J. Church - C. Crowe

B. Taylor - S. Schell

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Val Taylor - Susie Watson

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Geneva Ferguson & Walter Bowen

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. M. & S. Callahan

10:45 A.M. B. & M. Hix, K. Byers

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - L. Wiley

NUR. III - N. Harter, E. Conrad

K-1 - L. McBride

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 594 Mr. Arthur Busse

589 Mrs. Diane Mory

M221 Mr. Gus Mueller & John Glasgow

PARKVIEW: 730 Miss Jaynie Jenkins

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

To David & Rita Alexander, a son,
Brent David, on November 29, 1979.

PANTRY NEEDS: CRACKERS, POWDERED MILK, NOODLES, CEREAL, SOUP

CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS ACTIONS ON DECEMBER 2, 1979

Confirmed filing of vacancies by
the Board for the following: Chair-
persons - Judy Church & Pam Bickel;
Board of Diaconate: Bruce & Steve
Grimm, Tim Sauerwein, Beth Schill-
ing; Vice-Moderator - Jack Weicker,
and Lay Personnel Committee - Bar-
bara Johnson.

Action was also taken to approve
revisions in two Standing Policies:
Wedding Planning Policies and Ch-
urch Vocation Program.

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE

If a member of the family enters
the hospital or if you learn of
someone in the hospital, CALL THE
CHURCH OFFICE.

If a member or friend of our con-
gregation changes mailing address
or phone number, CALL THE CHURCH
OFFICE.

If you desire tables or special
set up for a group meeting in the
church building, CALL THE CHURCH
OFFICE to give instructions.

If you are aware of a crisis need
among our constituency which needs
pastoral attention, CALL THE CHURCH
OFFICE.

The Church Office is more desir-
ous to be doubly informed than to
be without information to help ser-
ve!

CORNUCOPIA THANKSGIVING

80 food items were placed at our
Thanksgiving Cornucopia on the Ch-
ancel on Sunday, November 25. Our
Pantry Program is in need of a reg-
ular supply of food.

PONY EXPRESS ENLARGING GIVING ESTIMATES

With 28 of the 30 Saddle Bags in, 256 estimates of Giving have been received for 1980 which is more than 30 more than any previous year! Any person or family missed during the Pony Express is asked to secure an Estimate of Giving Card at the church office or asked to have one mailed. We need the help of every one to achieve our Asking Budget Goal of \$192,825.

Children and Adults alike will want to make a special effort to be in the morning worship hours this coming Sunday.

For the children and youth, various items used in the Pony Express will be given out.

During the service, Mark Akers, general manager of our Pony Express program, will make a summary report on the PX RUN.

Dr. Cline will present him a certificate of appreciation for his hard work as head of the campaign.

The general manager, in turn, will hand a certificate of appreciation to such key workers as the finance chairman, the station agents, the trail bosses, the chief cook, the Sunday School coordinator, the publicity agent and the mail clerk.

Each person who filled in a giving estimate card will be mailed a certificate signifying the church's appreciation for their participation in the program.

Follow-up letters will be going out next week to those families who were missed during our PX RUN. Each letter will enclose an estimate of giving card to be filled in and mailed back to the church office as soon as possible.

REALITY OF INFLATION

With an inflation factor of 13% for the year of 1979, the following becomes true. Equal giving of \$500 for 1979 needs to become \$565 during 1980 and equal giving of \$1000 needs to become \$1,130 during 1980.

This is why percentage giving is the basis of responsible giving. If our resources increase, we give with the same increase. If resources remain equal we can be content. If resources decline, we justifiably cut back.

Because so many of the church are not percentage givers, the church tends to prosper more from commitment during economically bad times and suffers during inflation. What are we showing?

WHAT IS LOVE?

LOVE IS: When Mom and Dad pass away; the love they gave you will always stay.

LOVE IS: A flower picked with tiny hands to give to another "From God's great land."

LOVE IS: Seeing your children laugh and play when reaching for a hug at the end of the day.

LOVE IS: Just being you helping out someone who's new.

LOVE IS: Saying a prayer for the loved one's when you care.

LOVE IS: God's gift of life that's why he gave to us Jesus Christ!

--Michelle Karns

CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARDS

Persons are encouraged to send one card for all the church family and in lieu of cost for the many make a donation as a special gift for the Emily Flinn Home for aged in Marion and the Cleveland Christian Home for children. Mail card and gift to church! All senders will be listed beginning next week!

SOCK AND MITTEN TREE

All are invited to bring socks, mittens, and caps for children and youth and place on the Christmas Tree in Fellowship Hall. These will be divided between the Cleveland Christian Home for children and Miss Virginia here in Fort Wayne.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR CAROLING PARTY

The Children's Choir will go caroling this Sunday the 9th from 5:00 to 6:00 P.M. and return then for a party in the Youth Lounge from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

DECEMBER 9-15

Clifton Bowman (9)
Sandra Elser (9)
Rosemary Day (10)
Bill Franklin (10)
Ruth O'Laughlin (10)
Rolland Ripple (11)
Laura Sauerwein (11)
Mabel Shinn (11)
Sara Davis (12)
Harley Meadows (15)
David Oberby (15)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER:

Richard & Clela Anderson
Republic of Zaire

WE CAN IF WE WILL!

GIVING 12/2	\$ 3,721.5
NEEDED EACH SUNDAY OF DECEMBER	5,560.2
NEEDED 48 WEEKS	144,744.00
GIVING 48 WEEKS	132,726.19
CURRENT SHORTAGE	12,017.8

Our operating expenses were \$2,642.69 in the RED as of November 30! We have our annual insurance bill of over \$2,000 coming this month of December! The treasurer will write no checks for operating costs after December 9 salaries unless cash is on hand! We cannot end the year in the RED!

We gave above our Budget goal during 1977 and then went over by more than \$3,000 in 1978! We could still make it in 1979 if ALL will go their best to give generously!

D.M.A. GROUP

An exceptional showing of the Canadian Rockies by Paul Waugh was the Program feature this week. Hosting were Esther Whitton, Roxy Wunderlich, and Arza Smith.

Elected for the 1980 Steering Committee were Earl & Reba Fusselman, Genevieve Ripple, Grace Truby, Miriam Bixenman, Amelia Dare, Leon Johns, and Gwynth Rice. They will meet at 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, December 11. Suggestions may be given to any of these.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:30 P.M. Chi Rho Party, Bruce
Lehman's 2109 Melbourne Ct.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

6:00 P.M. Staff Dinner, Clines,
5705 Fernwood

6:30 P.M. CUC Class Dinner, Wid-
lers, 1918 Buckskin

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

6:00 - 8:00 P.M. Caroling

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

10:00 A.M. Study Group

7:30 P.M. Evangelism/Church
Growth Meeting

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

7:30 P.M. Worship & Pastoral
Relations Committee

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:30 P.M. Stewardship & Finance
Committee/Committee chairpersons

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: CRACKERS, POWDERED
MILK, CANNED FRUIT, SOUP, NOODLES,
P-NUT BUTTER

A_D_V_E_N_T J_O_Y !

We light the pink candle of joy in our Advent Wreath this coming Sunday at 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. Join in our celebration of this preparation period for the fresh beginning of the Christ Child in each of us.

We have our semi-annual service of Thanksgiving for Childbirth and Dedication of Parents with Children during our 10:45 A.M. Worship. If any desire participation who have not called the office yet, do so immediately. We have rejoiced in the large number in recent years sharing in this special time of thanksgiving and dedication. Grandparents and other kin are most welcome.

The Advent-Christmas theme of incarnation comes into our worship again in the sermon, "OUR GOD IN PERSON". Our Advent is celebrating the dimensions of God's gift and action in Jesus.

Christmas caroling by chartered buses will be this Sunday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. This is an all church family--whole family-joy and fun sharing experience. Refreshments in Fellowship Hall at 8:00 P.M.

SERVING DECEMBER 16

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. William Franklin and
Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Ben Taylor and
Joe Wiley

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Brown-SW, S. Wat-
son-NW, P. Yentes, R. Johnson

10:45 A.M. S. Allen-SW, V. Tay-
lor-SE, J. Bickel-NW, M. Fink-
housen-NE, E. Conrad, C. Crowe,
L. York, B. Grimm

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
W. DeVinney, M. Pontius

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, R. Hunt, B. Kerley

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Val Taylor & Susie Watson

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Lois & Max Finkhousen

ACOLYTES

Scott Johnson & Bob Briggs

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. J. Hendricks

10:45 A.M. B. Mettler, C. Falbe,
S. Melchi

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - L. Wiley

NUR. III - N. Harter, E. Conrad

K-1 - L. McBride

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 400 Mr. Wendall Glass

M-311 - Mrs. Ethel Birkhold

ST. JOSEPH: 352 Mrs. Hortense
Stevenson

WEDDING BY PASTOR

Robert Allen Bradford and Barbara
Ann Deiser on 12/8/79. They are
residing at 5026 Meadow Lane, 09.

HELP FILL THE SOCK & MITTEN TREE!

SALUTE TO OUR C.Y.F.!

Congratulations to our C.Y.F.
Players for an excellent Christ-
mas Drama last Sunday night.
They had prepared well and did
an excellent job in sharing this
play with a message.

The Cast included: Clint Crowe,
Becca Olson, Tim Briggs, Kim Camp-
bell, Laura & Tim Sauerwein, Ter-
Smith, Jeff & Scott Johnson, Er-
Jenkins, and carolers: Conn-
Smith, Bob Briggs, Sharon & T-
Knuckles, & Eric Zimmerman. The
stage hands were Tony Evans and
Wade Smith. Thanks for a job well
done!

CHI RHO CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Chi Rho Fellowship will have
a Christmas party, Friday, Decem-
ber 14, at 6:30 P.M. at Bruce Leh-
man's 2109 Melbourne Ct. There
will be a \$1.00 gift exchange.

PLAN FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

7:00 P.M. - Children's and Fam-
ily Christmas Eve Worship

11:00 P.M. - Candlelighting Ch-
ristmas Eve Worship

Plan to attend -- invite others
to join you! Worship on Christ-
mas Eve - December 24.

WITH SPECIAL THANKS!

All I can say is -- many thanks
to Rev. Cline and all the other
people who came and visit me and
to many thanks to all who prayed
for me while in the hospital.

May God bless you all.

Gus Mueller

Thanks to all parents who donated
and helped in many ways for
the Children's Choir Caroling Par-
ty.

Shirley Callahan,
Director.

THE PONY EXPRESS

A notable victory has been achieved in our Pony Express effort. The Route Riders and Trail Bosses can hang up their spurs with pride!

As of Monday, December 10, we had 273 Estimates of Giving for 1980 which totalled \$146,844.68. Some Estimates of Giving are still arriving by mail and the door is open for others to request and still complete an Estimate of Giving for 1980 by contacting the church office.

In comparison with our effort of a year ago, we increased in number of commitments from 213 to 273 which is a jump of 28.2%. In dollar amounts we jumped from \$122,675.60 to \$146,844.69 which is an increase of 19.6%. These are the largest increases through an effort of this kind in our recent history.

For 1977 -- 196 commitments totalled	\$ 91,886.20
For 1978 -- 194 commitments totalled	108,234.74
For 1979 -- 213 commitments totalled	122,675.60
For 1980 -- 273 commitments totalled	146,844.68

These figures are strictly from the campaigns and do not reflect income from others not making commitments or other sources.

Commenting on the Pony Express, Dr. Cline said, "We trusted our members to act responsibly and they did. In these times of economic uncertainty, our members showed they have a great deal of faith and willingness to share generously what they have."

It is clear that the Pony Express Program sparked considerable enthusiasm among our members. Everyone worked together -- just like the Pony Express riders of old.

Mark Akers, general manager, praised the dedication of the Station Agents, Trail Bosses, and Route Riders, whose cooperative efforts enabled the "church mail" to be carried in saddlebags across Fort Wayne.

GENERAL MANAGER: Mark Akers, FINANCE CHAIRMAN: Ed Allen, CHIEF COOK: Bill Love, CHURCH SCHOOL COORDINATOR: Bev Hendricks, PUBLICITY AGENT: Judy Church, MAIL CLERK: Barbara Johnson. STATION AGENTS: George Bruckman, Bill Franklin, Merle Grimm, Tom Harter, Sam Hayes, and Joe Wiley TRAIL BOSSES: Andy Cook Mildred Hartman, Mildred Hutchinson, Rose Jenkins, Rolland Ripple, Ennis Brown, Delores Keebortz, Mark Snyder, Jim Stucky, Monty Tobias, Herb Banet, Jack Bickel, Mary Lou Hartzler, Mike Mullen, Vince Wells, Robert Johnson, Bruce Lehman, Earl Plummer, Jack Sauerewein, Ben Taylor, John Briggs, Marilyn Byers, Ron Flickinger, Bert Lev-

(continued on page four)

PONY EXPRESS REPORT (from page three)

ersee, Nila Schilling, Eunice Conrad, Bill Johnson, Jim Jump, Chip Olson, and Dean Widler.

PONY EXPRESS HONOR ROLL

THE FOLLOWING HAVE HELPED ACHIEVE A VICTORY BY EXPRESSING AN ESTIMATE OF GIVING FOR 1980.

THE 176 WHO MADE COMMITMENTS FOR 1979 AND ESTIMATES OF GIVING FOR 1980, OF WHOM 9 ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 18.

M/M Mark Akers, M/M Ed Allen, Ethel Allen, M/M Gene Auer, M/M Jack Bickel, Miriam Bixenman, Walter Bowen, Lucille Branstrator, M/M Bethel Breeden, M/M Mike Brian, M/M Vaughn Brickley, Tim Briggs, M/M Ennis Brown, M/M George Bruckman, Peg Buskirk, M/M Mel Busse, Marilyn Byers, Kristin Byers, M/M Wm. Caldwell, M/M Bob Chevalier, M/M Ralph Church, Cory Church, M/M Harold Cline, Chad Cline, M/M Robert Clipp, Lois Coleman, Eunice Conrad, Andy Cook, Mary Cook, Charline Craig, Marvin Course, Marlene Crouse, M/M Wm. Crouse, Joyce Crowe, Irene Current Fox, Amelia Dare, M/M George Davis, M/M Wm. DeVinney, Shirley Dibble, M/M Dan Dickey, Karen Doehrman, Maude Donahue, M/M Gary Falbe, Geneva Ferguson, M/M Dan Flickinger, M/M Ron Flickinger, Helen Foltz, M/M Wm. Franklin, M/M Earl Fusselman, Hortense Futterer.

Orda Glentzer, David Griggs, M/M Merle Grimm, Bruce Grimm, Richard Hamilton, Jennie Harter, M/M Steven Harter, M/M Tom Harter, Mildred Hartman, Mary Lou Hartzler, M/M Sam Hayes, M/M Jim Heavin, Pearl Heidecker, M/M Leland Higgins, M/M John Hechler, Judi Hoagland, Gladys Hoop, Pauline Horn, M/M Gordon Howell, M/M Art Huddleston, Laverne Hunt, M/M Kenneth Hunt, Mildred Hutchinson, Iva Imbody, M/M Ed Jenkins, Eric Jenkins, Margaret Jenkins, M/M Leon Johns, M/M Wm. Johnson, Beverly Johnston, Susan Jones, M/M Calvin Jones, M/M Jim Jump, Delores Keebortz, M/M Ralph Keller, Fern Kenline, M/M Gene Klepfer, Ruby Kolkman, M/M Dave Kreischer, Lorea Kuhlman, M/M Bill Lehman, Bruce Lehman, M/M Bert Leversee, M/M Carl Linn, M/M Wm. Love, M/M Charles Ludwig, M/M Brett Lucas.

Laura Marks, Sherri Melchi, Barbara Mettler, Bernice Montgomery, M/M Arthur Mowery, M/M Mike Mullen, Dorothy Murphy, M/M Harold Nordblom, M/M Robert Ogles, M/M Robert Orr, Melissa Orr, Carole Overmyer, Delores Overmyer, Florence Palmer, M/M Don Parlette, Anita Petty, M/M Robert Petty, Mary Piatt, M/M Ken Place, M/M Earl Plummer, M/M Don Pomeroy, Marie Redman, M/M Ralph Reynolds, M/M Cecil Rice, Gwynth Rice, M/M

alph Richard, M/M David Rinker, M/M Rolland Ripple, M/M Jack Sauerwein, Laura Sauerwein, Tim Sauerwein, Emma Schell, M/M Wm. Schilling, Dorothy Schmidt, M/M Gene Shirley, M/M Don Short, Ethel Shroyer, Viola Sievers, M/M Fred Smell, Arza Smith, M/M Donald Smith, M/M Marshall Smith, M/M Mark Snyder, M/M Homer Stevenson, Fern Strole, M/M Jim Stucky,

M/M Ben Taylor, Ken Taylor, Anna Taylor, Grace Truby, M/M Monty Tobias, Harriett Weaver, M/M Jack Weicker, M/M Vince Wells, Esther Whitton, M/M John Weyer, M/M Steve White, M/M Dean Widler, Coleen Wilcoxwon, M/M Joe Wiley, Mary Wilhelm, Roxy Wunderlich, M/M Paul Yentes, M/M Troy Yeoman, Ruth Yost, Jefferson Young, Delmas Young, M/M Jerry Zimmerman, Eric Zimmerman, M/M Miles Zimmerman, Thelma Haxton, Herdis Helmuth, M/M Robert Hendricks, Mildred Hogg, M/M Robert Johnson, Nathan Love, M/M Frank Moody, M/M Eural Rose, M/M A.K. Timmons, Linda Wilburn.

THE 97 WHO MADE ESTIMATES OF GIVING FOR 1980 WHO DID NOT THE PRECEDING YEAR AND OF WHOM 31 ARE UNDER 18.

Mildred Arruza, Margaret Bauman, Ruby Boxell, M/M Gene Bozarth, M/M John Briggs, Bob Briggs, Julie Briggs, Jennifer Byers, M/M Charles Bryket, M/M Mike Callahan, M/M Ken Crawford, Nick Crawford, Matt Crawford, Scott Crawford, Tammy Davis, Tim Evans, Tony Evans, M/M Max Finkhausen, Barbara Finkhausen, Freda Flaugh, M/M John Glasgow, M/M Ed Hall, Gary Hall, M/M Steve Hall, M/M Charles Harshbarger, M/M Bill Hix, M/M Bill Howard, M/M Richard Jackson, Brent Jackson, Chris Jackson, Chris Jenkins, Heather Jenkins, M/M Richard Johnson, Shannon Jones, Scott Keebortz, M/M Terry King, M/M Tom Knuckles, Lelia McBride, Harley Morpew, M/M Dick Mory, Eric Mory, Kevin Mory, Sara Mullen, M/M Chip Olson, David Orr, Joan Ott, Mai Pauley, Ruth Redding, Ethel Richhart, M/M Doug Rogers, Krista Rogers, M/M Raymond Sarrizin, Beth Schilling, Bill Schilling, Sue Ellen, Schilling, Sue Skelton, Wade Smith, Larry Taylor, Mildred Tharp, Willis VanAlstine, M/M Mike Watson, M/M Charles Wrisk, Amy Zimmerman, Kerry Zimmerman, M/M Harb Banet, James Brammel, M/M Larry Busse, M/M Arthur Busse, Arthur Chevalier, Don Crouse, Andrew Crowe, Clint Crowe, John Flickinger, Ron Flickinger, M/M Sam Greider, Steve Grimm, Betty Harter, Carolyn Hendricks, Julia Hendricks, M/M Bill Kerley, Rosemary Krull, Helen Lobdell, George Ludwig, Sue Ann Ludwig, M/M Glenn Miller, M/M Mike Moriarity, M/M Al Pattengale, David Pence, Schellie Schell, M/M Bill Wyant.

Mark Zimmerman, M/M Jack Bennett, Nancy Hendricks, M/M Roger Hendrickson, M/M John Ohneck, Opal Perkins.

FINISHING OUR COMMITMENTS FOR 1979

In many of the recent weeks, THE TIDINGS has listed the fact that we have run behind in our basic giving to the church. This has eliminated budgeted repair work on the parking lot and exterior doors. We have tried to hold down spending. Yet we come to the end of the year needing everyone to give as generously as possible just to break even for the year.

1979 BUDGET GOAL	\$ 156,806.00
NEEDED FOR 49 WEEKS	147,759.50
GIVING FOR 49 WEEKS	135,740.70
BUDGET SHORTAGE	12,018.80
GIVING FOR 12/9	3,014.51

Our operating fund for local program and ministry entered December in the red by \$2,642.69. Payments will be withheld during the rest of the month to get the church in the black. 74.5% of each dollar received is used for local operating costs. With only the payments of salaries the first two weeks of the month our giving has whittled the red figure to \$81.56.

The problem comes as we look ahead. Note what is coming for the balance of December for the operating fund of the church:

1. UTILITIES	???? (these will be paid, when received)
2. SALARIES for balance of December	\$ 2,713.30
3. Annual INSURANCE	2,606.00 (dur 12/20)
4. Other Bills on Hand	1,140.56
5. Storm Window Monthly Loan Payment	300.00
6. Other Bills not yet received	???
TOTAL NEEDED	\$ 6,759.86 plus ???? for utilities and other bills.

To meet these needs in operating funds, it will require a minimum of about \$11,000.00 yet during December. All are asked to catch up on giving, give extra, or to continue giving regularly and generously! Giving is needed NOW for fiscal responsibility.

We achieved our budgeted goals in giving during 1977 and 1978. We still could during 1979 if there were some large special gifts. This is our fondest goal.

Yet, we MUST work to meet the basic realities of our obligations NOW!

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE CHURCH BOARD ON DECEMBER 4, 1979

On recommendation from the Outreach Committee, the Board approved action to form a Task Force for Refugee Sponsorship through both volunteers and interested persons enlisted. The purpose of the Task Force is to evaluate interest and support among our congregation, to interview other local sponsors and southeastern Asians already here, and to bring a recommendation to the Board in February of 1980. Interested persons or volunteers are asked to phone the church office as soon as possible or contact Dr. Cline.

The Board also voted \$75 for "Winter Mission" to which Jim Taylor of our congregation who has been selected to help staff from December 26 to January 9 as a college student mission to 200,000 skiers in the North Carolina resort areas in Boone-Banner Elk, North Carolina.

The Board approved a facilitating motion for year-end giving. People have the option of giving for maximal tax advantage and for optimum opportunity in gifts. Persons desiring their checks to be in 1979 but credited toward 1980 church accounting giving, may send checks before the end of the year and these will be counted toward 1980 giving on January 6 if this is clearly marked for 1980. Likewise, persons may write checks dated in 1980 but counted toward church needs of 1979 if these are received in our office by noon, Friday, January 4. These gifts will need to be clearly marked for 1979. The purpose is to allow for checks to be written in the preference of year for tax purposes, but then credited according to choice for church record accounting.

Upon recommendation of committees, the Board approved the following priorities for year-end expenditures:

A. If income is low, the treasurer is not to pay operating bills in the red after December 2 other than utilities and salaries. Priority in such a case beyond this point would be for insurance and other bills. (This section is included because the deficit of \$2,642.69 which was brought into December by low giving in preceding months must be balanced by the end of December.)

B. If income of operating funds allows, the usage of funds would be according to the following priority list:

1. Pay all budgeted responsibilities - utilities, salaries, insurance, other bills.
2. Storm Window loan - pay maximal amount - debt is now \$1,439.86
3. Set aside up to \$2,000 for Parking Lot sealing - a 1979 budget item.
4. Set aside up to \$1,000 for Door Replacements since was 1979 item.
5. Set aside any other excess money for insulation project as long term savings on utilities.

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BOARD ACTIONS (from page seven)

C. Priority of Year-end Outreach Support:

1. Payment of \$75 for "Winter Mission" of Jim Taylor
2. Payment of 1979 obligation to South West Senior Center - \$50.
3. Payment of obligation to ACTS for 1979 - \$3,000
4. Payment of 1979 allotment to IU-PU, FW Campus Minister - \$450.
5. Pay off balance of Outreach allotments to: Associated Churches: \$600; Reconciliation & Week of Compassion: \$975; Basic Mission Finance: \$4,500 on a percentage breakdown of available money received in Outreach percentage.
6. If there are any funds available beyond these budget items, then the money would be pre-paid toward 1970 ACTS commitment of \$12,000.

The resignation of Pauline Horn from the Board as a representative from the Congregation-at-large was accepted with regret because of her move to Texas.

+ CHRISTMAS GREETINGS +

+ As an over-and-above Outreach Project, persons are encouraged to send one card for all the church family and in lieu of cost for the cards and postage, send a donation which will be divided as a special gift to the Emily E. Flinn Home for Aged in Marion and the Cleveland Christian Home for Children. Mail the card and the gift to the church. Persons names will be listed in THE TIDINGS. Cards will be displayed in the Narthex. +

+ Mary Wagner	Charline Craig	+
+ Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Fox	Mike, Debby, & Elizabeth Brian	+
+ Jerry, Sandy, Eric, & Mark	Harold, Ramona, Dawn, & Kevin	+
+ Zimmerman	Ketner	+
+ Miriam Bixenman & Peg Buskirk	Mary Cook	+
+ Walter Bowen	Pearl & Henry Schroeder	+
+ Geneva Ferguson	Gwynth Rice	+
+ Gus Mueller	Earl & Reba Fusselman	+
+ Margaret & Bill Love	Marvel & Vaughn Brickley	+
+ Barbara, Don, Ryan & Mary Short	Martha & Stan Cole	+

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER - DECEMBER 16 - 22, 1979

Randy Hunt (16)	Marie Atkinson (19)
Fran Eckert (17)	Marge Lehman (20)
Thelma Haxton (17)	Diana Wortley (20)
Cindy Ebetino (19)	Cory Church (21)
Albert Farrow (19)	Archie Hendrick (22)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER: Richard & Clela Anderson

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Make a joyful noise

Everyone of you

Revive your faith

Renew your trust

Your light has come!

Christ has come

He is here

Right here

In our midst

Sing -- pray

Thank God for his goodness

Make this

Advent a birth of joy that

Shines in you, and illumines
all the world!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:15' & 10:45 A.M. MORNING
WORSHIPS - SERMON: "OUR WON-
DEROUS GOD" - Soloist: Rebecca
Stucky - Chancel Choir 10:45

9:30 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIPS

7:00 P.M. - Children and Fam-
ily Christmas Eve Worship

11:00 P.M. - Candlelighting
Christmas Eve Worship

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN
WORSHIP - COME AND BRING
OTHERS!

Harold E. Cline
Barbara Short
Diane Johnson
Sara Davis
Jerry Zimmerman
Shirley Callahan
Fred Woodward
Earl Fusselman
Tim Sauerwein
Peg Buskirk
Candy Spangle

YOUR CHURCH STAFF

SERVING DECEMBER 23

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and
Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. Barbara Short and
Robert Orr

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SW, D.
Church-NW, A. Lee, B. Pauley

10:45 A.M. R. Jenkins-SW, P. Mul-
len-SE, D. Allen-NW, J. Jump-NE, J.
Stucky, T. Harter, J. Johnson

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
D. Dickey, Tony Evans

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. C. Ludwig - B. Pauley

C. Rice - R. Johnson

D. Widler - B. Mettler

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Delores Keebortz

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Dan & Jo Flickinger, Ron & Karen
Flickinger

ACOLYTES

Scott Johnson & Bob Briggs

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. D. & B. Johnson

10:45 A.M. M. & C. Akers, J. Stucky

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - L. Wiley

NUR. III - N. Harter & E. Conrad

K-1 - L. McBride

NEW CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER

Mrs. Judy Church will teach the Young Couples Class in the East Parlor beginning on Sunday, January 6 at 9:30 A.M. All couples in their 20's are urged to start and be regular beginning on the 6th.

NEW SUNDAY MORNING HELP

Mrs. Candy Spangle has been added as the Crib Room Staff Person from 8:00 to 12:00 A.M. on Sundays. This assures greater continuity and stability. She will be assisted by volunteers during Church School and Worship at 10:45 A.M. She is an active member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Congregation in our neighborhood.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH OFFERING

Special Envelopes and our Total Church School offering this Sunday will be for the Christmas Offering for others through Christian Church Outreach. We have received \$273 through Sunday already for this over-and-above effort. Some have a pattern of making this a birthday gift of \$19.79 as the special Christmas offering!

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 400 Mr. Wendall Glass
590 Mr. Walter Bowen (expects re-
lease 12/18 or 12/19)

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED To Mrs. Thelma Swift in the death of her sister, Ivadene B. Richardson on 12/15/79.

PONY EXPRESS UPDATE

Estimates of Giving from Mr. & Mrs. Clifton Bowman, Carol Cline Mr. & Mrs. Charles Green now mean we have 276 Estimated tot-
alling \$147,380.68.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY ,

As an over-and-above Outreach Project, persons are encouraged to send one card for all the church family and in lieu of cost for the cards and postage, send a donation which will be divided as a special gift between the Emily E. Flinn Home in Marion and the Cleveland Christian Home. A total of \$273.00 was received through Sunday, December 16 for this project. Persons names will be listed in TIDINGS. Cards are on display in the Narthex. Additional persons sending Greetings:

Kenneth & Beulah Timmons
The Mullens; Mike, Pat, Sara & Steven
Harold, Ruby, Sally, Chad & Carol
Cline
Fern Kenline
Hortense Futterer
Henry & Ethel Flowers
Leland & Mary Higgins
Merle, Betty, Steve & Bruce Grimm
Vada Tatman
Ethel Allen
Tom, Nancy, Melanie & Meghan Harter
Jack, Doris, Tim & Laura Sauerwein
Delores Overmyer
The Churches; Ralph, Judy, Cory & Dan
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Keller
The Hendricks; Bob, Bev & Nancy
The Ben Taylor Family
Maude Donohuz
Delores & Scott Keebortz
Jennie Harter
LaVerne Hunt
Gene, Anne & Jim Shirley

Mary Piatt
Roxy Wunderlich
Mary Wilhelm
Jim, Becky, & Jeremy Alan
Stucky
Bill & Joan Franklin
Dick, Barb, & Marcie Johnson
Homer & Hortense Stevenson
Amelia Dare
Fern Strole
Carl & Mildred Linn
Charlie, Melly, Adam & Barry
Newman
Art & Florence Huddleston
Ron & Debbie Connerly
Grace Truby
Jack & Janet Weicker
Carl, Beth & Hillary Schwartz
Sam, Barb, Amy & Adam Hayes
Ruth & Earl Plummer
Grant & Jessie Fern Woodward
Bert & Margaret Leversee

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIPS 7:00 P.M. AND 11:00 P.M.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worships
9:30 A.M. Church School

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

Church Office Closed

7:00 P.M. Children & Family

Christmas Eve Worship

11:00 P.M. Candlelighting

Christmas Eve Worship

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: CRACKERS, SOUP, P-NUT
BUTTER, POWDERED MILK, CANNED MEAT
CANNED FRUIT

GREETINGS IN OUR LORD!

Our Search Committee is in contact with three persons concerning our Second Staff person - two possible Associates and one possible Interim. Be praying for right decisions both on the part of those with whom we are dealing and also upon us in the interaction to find the right person for our staff.

We have had a good year in terms of additions but look forward to some strong impetus to move forward in church growth during the 1980's. This was the highest ranked priority at the recent congregational meeting. Much will be announced shortly that will help us all to grow.

As we come into the delightful Christmas celebration, I trust that all of you will center this season with worship both on Sunday and on Christmas Eve. Be sure to invite family and kinfolk and friends to join you as we celebrate God's entrance into history in the Christ Child.

Harold E. Clinie

YEAR END GIVING NEEDED

Budget Giving 12/16 \$2,398.39

MINIMUM NEEDED for Salaries and Bills on Hand by 12/31 \$6,687.68

GOAL for full budget needs and fulfillment by 12/21 \$18,666.91

May our Christmas giving include a generous and extra gift for the work of Christ through the church! We urge every member and friend to help!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

DECEMBER 23 - 29

Diana Duly (23)

Roger Hendrickson (23)

William Crouse (24)

Mike O'Laughlin (24)

Richard Thompson (24)

Mark Williams (24)

Hortense Stevenson (24)

Susie Watson (25)

Suzette Lowenstein (25)

Carolyn Falbe (26)

Gertrude Heavin (26)

Michele Reeves (27)

John Mathis (28)

Steven Powell (28)

Sarah Smith (28)

Jack Bickel (29)

Kathy Lee (29)

Lucille Branstrator (29)

OVERSEAS STAFF: Richard & Clela
Anderson, Zaire

THANKS FROM GRATEFUL MEMBER

Many thanks to the Christmas Carolers from First Christian to come to my home on a cold night to sing to me. Many thanks and God bless.

Gus Mueller

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CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1979

- 8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
- 9:30 A.M. Church School
- 10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
- 5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
- 5:45 P.M. Bible Study
- 6:30 P.M. Chi Rho and CYF
- 7:00 P.M. Evening Worship

TUESDAY, NEW YEAR'S DAY

Church Office Closed

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1980

- 9:30 A.M. Naomi Group, Dorothy Schmidt, 219 W. Sherwood Terr.
- 7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED FRUIT &
VEGETABLES, POWDERED MILK,
TUNA, NOODLES, CEREAL

our giving arose above our budgeted goal. This year this does not look likely and more than that we are short on both outreach and local bills. Although our budget giving is more than \$10,000 above any previous year, we have not reached our goal nor our basic financial obligations. We pray and trust that our needs will be met!

We will celebrate Christmas again this Sunday morning with our music during worship and the emphasis of the service. The sermon will be on "THE YEAR OF THE CHILD-THE YEARS OF THE PARENT." Read Luke 2:21-52 in preparation with special attention to Luke 2:41-52.

The evening worship at 7:00 P.M. will be a "LITURGY FOR WATCH NIGHT". This is an informal communion worship which is held in the parlor. It will be our only worship celebrating the new year and the new decade.

As we come to the final Sunday of the year, we stand in a very different position than the past two years. During 1977 and 1978

SERVING DECEMBER 30

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and
Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Dean Widler and
William Love

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Pauley-SW, M.
Busse-NW, M. Hutchinson, J.
Young

10:45 A.M. B. Hendricks-SW, H.
Stevenson-SE, B. Grimm-NW, S.
Grimm-NE, B. Mettler, K. Taylor,
S. Schell, S. Hayes

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
W. DeVinney, M. Pontius

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, R. Hunt, B. Kerley

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Bob Pauley

COFFEE HOUR HOST

Ruby Cline

ACOLYTES

Scott Johnson and Bob Briggs

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. J. & P. Bickel

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - L. Wiley

NUR. III - N. Harter, K. Rogers

K-1 - L. McBride

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: M312 Mr. Wendall Glass
375 Mrs. Lyn Stevian

PARKVIEW: 408 Mrs. Ethel Lahmon

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

To David and Lyn Stevian, a son,
Chad Cameron, born December 23.

WEDDING BY PASTOR

William Arthur Roberts and Patricia Ann Richhart on 12/22/79. They are residing at 1925 Poinsette Drive. 08, 422-3874.

YEAR END GIVING

Giving desired to be credited for 1979 will be received until noon on January 4 but it must be clearly marked for 1979 after the 30th. Checks dated in 1979 which are desired for church during 1980 can be received and deposited before December 31 if clearly marked for 1980 giving. Above all we need all to give with generosity and dedication!

1980 GIVING ENVELOPES

Our envelope sets will be mailed on Thursday, January 3, and should be received for usage on Sunday, January 6. Please call the church office if you do not receive a set and you desire one.

THANK YOU NOTES:

"The prayers, thoughts, and visits of all meant so much to me during my illness. I thank everyone for their concerns.

"It is such a good feeling to know when the road is rough, there are Christian friends."

Love,

Jaynie Jenkins

Dear Church Members:

"I want to thank all who helped make my Christmas brighter. Those who bring me communion every two weeks, a caller once a month, the gift of fruit and cookies from my circle, and the carolers who came to my door besides many cards and calls. Thank you all so very much. It means a lot to be remembered."

Fraternally,

Lillian Scott

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WINTER O_F 1980

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

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*We believe that the Christian life is a pilgrimage of growth in-
to our Lord Jesus Christ. We desire to offer opportunities for
personal enrichment and growth. We desire to equip ourselves to
better minister and serve others. We desire to know God and to
love Him and one another in more wholesome ways.*

*Costs are listed for materials. Classes will not be offered if
minimum registrants are not received. Some will be limited to
a certain number. Child Care will be provided when registrants
sign for it.*

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WEEKLY EVENTS

NEW LIFE FOR THE CHURCH

RESOURCES: Text: THE BIBLE AND NEW LIFE FOR THE CHURCH by Dr. Ed Bau-
man, and usage of thirteen 25 minute tapes of Dr. Bauman during ses-
sions.

COST: \$5.00 per person.

TIME: Wednesday mornings, 9:30 to 11:00 A.M., January 9 through April
2, led by Pat Mullen.

DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this course is to explore thirteen vital
biblical passages which reveal the nature and purpose of the church
in its present renewal and emergence into new forms of life and mis-
sion. The Christian Church has through the centuries brought count-
less persons into union with God both in its strength and weakness.
God continually breaks into the church with the bubly wine of the
Spirit. All need to know the dynamics of this living community
under God. Questions will be considered including: What is the
nature and purpose of the church? What are signs of renewal for
our time? What's new in the church? Is it true that there is no
salvation outside the church? What can one person do about the
church? What is the future of the church? The Bible is used as
the basic source of information of the church!

INQUIRER'S CLASS

RESOURCES: Each participant will receive a notebook with outlines and pamphlets for usage and reading during the course.

COST: \$2.00

TIME: SUNDAY afternoons, 3:15 to 5:15, January 20 until March 30 led by Dr. Cline.

DESCRIPTION: It is hoped that all members and friends will participate at some time in this basic study of What it means to be a Christian and particularly within the fellowship of First Christian Church? Areas include: Commitment to Christ, to the Body of Christ, and to ministry of Christ in the world. Experimentation is encouraged in various Christian disciplines such as prayer, Bible reading, worship, and relationships. This will give basic information for anyone serious about making a commitment or growth within the functioning church today.

BASIC BIBLE STUDY

RESOURCES: A Bible and HANDBOOK TO THE OLD TESTAMENT by Claus Westerman.

COST: \$5.00 for Handbook if one does not have one.

TIME: Section I - Sunday mornings on continuing basis during Church School, 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. at east end of Fellowship Hall taught by Dr. Cline. New section begins January 6
Section II - Sunday evenings on continuing basis from 5:45 to 6:45 P.M. in Room 120 led by Dr. Cline. New section begins January 6.

DESCRIPTION: The entire Bible is being covered over the continuing time. The Old Testament prophets and writing will be the coming focus beginning with Isaiah on January 6. Presentations are made and highlights of the text. Biblical sections are pointed out for study along with the Handbook as a guide. This is a basic Biblical course for those wanting significant learning.

BY WEEKLY OR MONTHLY EVENTS

COME PROGRAM -- LAB I of PARISH VISITATION SKILLS

RESOURCES: Workbook for usage during 40 hours of intensive lab experience, and Book, THE BORED AND APATHETIC CHURCH MEMBER by Dr. John Savage. Dr. Cline is an accredited Lab I instructor.

COST: \$7.50 per person.

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TIME: Fridays, 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. and Saturdays, 9:00 to 5:00 P.M., February 1 & 2, February 29 & March 1, March 28 & 29, and April 25 & 26. The primary group will be from the local presbytery but our members are allowed to participate since Dr. Cline is leading. It will be held in local Presbyterian Churches. We are anxious to have more members receive this exceptional training above the 15 who completed the fall offering.

DESCRIPTION: Development of listening skills and personality for ability to call and deal with criticism and hostility. Learning is done through data presentation, skill development and practice, and observation and reflection. Communication skills include: paraphrasing, perception checking, behavior description, direct expression of feelings, creative questions, fogging, story listening, story sequence listening, and life systems listening.

SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

CURRENT RESOURCE: FOUNDATIONS FOR RECONSTRUCTION by Elton Trueblood

COST: \$1.00 plus chip-in basis for breakfast costs.

TIME: Saturday mornings every other week namely, Jan. 5 & 19, Feb. 2 & 16, March 1 & 15 & 29, April 12 & 26 - 7:00 to 8:30 A.M.

DESCRIPTION: The first three sessions will finish the current study of the Ten Commandments as interpreted for today. Later sessions will be upon a commonly agreed similar study.

WORKSHOP AND EXPERIENCE OF HYMN SINGING

We are delighted to announce that Robert J. Kintner, Minister of Music of the Central Christian Church of Lexington, Kentucky will be our guest leader for three Tuesday evenings, FEBRUARY 26, MARCH 25, and APRIL 22. The major all-church sessions will begin at 7:30 P.M. to learn and grow in appreciation and ability to sing as a congregation the hymns of the church. This will be enjoyable and inspirational. Sessions are open to the public and many other congregations will be invited. Our hope is for every member and friend of First Christian to gain from this experience to assist us to worship and praise God through music. He will lead us with a lavalier microphone and grand piano. Special times and workshops for music leaders and organists and choir members will be announced for late afternoon and the dinner hour on these same dates.

ESTATE PLANNING AND WILLS

The stewardship expressed through financial & insurance planning and wills will be highlighted during the weekend of April 18-22. Guest leaders will be available for counsel and help in this important facet of Christian responsibility.

REGISTRATION FOR SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

WINTER of 1980

First Christian Church

Fort Wayne, Indiana

Detach this form and mail or bring to church office, hand to pastor, or place in offering plate. Sign up for class offerings as soon as possible. Some are limited in number and are on a first-come, first-serve basis. It is preferable to pay along with registration but may be paid at first session. Please check all of your intentions at time of submitting this form. Indicate need for child care.

_____ NEW LIFE FOR THE CHURCH (13 Wednesday mornings, January 9-April 2, 9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.)

_____ INQUIRER'S CLASS (Sunday afternoons, January 20-March 30 3:15 to 5:15 P.M.)

_____ BASIC BIBLE STUDY (ongoing class)
_____ Section I - Sunday morning, 9:30 to 10:30 A.M.
_____ Section II - Sunday evenings, 5:45 to 6:45 P.M.

_____ COME PROGRAM (Friday night & Saturday on four weekends, Feb. 1 & 2; Feb. 29 & March 1; March 28 & 29; April 25 & 26 with Presbyterian Churches.)

_____ SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP (every other Saturday morning 7:00 to 8:30 A.M.)

_____ WORKSHOP & EXPERIENCE OF HYMN SINGING (Tuesday evenings, Feb. 26, March 25, and April 22.)

_____ STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND (April 18-22)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ MONEY WITH FORM _____

NEED CHILD CARE _____ NUMBER OF CHILDREN _____

AGES OF CHILDREN _____

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO CHURCH FAMILY

As an over-and-above Outreach Project, persons have participated in the "One Card to the Church Family" Project. In lieu of the cost of cards and postage, one card is sent with a donation to the church for those in our church family. The donation will be divided between the Emily E. Flinn Home for Aged in Marion and the Cleveland Christian Home for children in Cleveland. All cards have been displayed in the Narthex on two banners. To date, \$519.00 has been received for the Project. Below are additional names from cards received since the printing of TIDINGS last week.

Jack & Helen Williams
The Jumps - Jim, Leesa, Kristi,
Kelli, and Kyle
Edna & Harold Nordblom
Bob & Esther Clipp
Ethel Birkhold
Ed, Rosalie, & Gary Hall
Bill, Ginny, Bill, Jeff, and
Scott Johnson
The Bill Schilling Family
Linda, Joe, Erin & Brian Wiley
Arthur & Ruby Mowery
Pauline Horn
Lillian Scott
Laura Peter

John, Betty, Tim, Bob &
Julie Briggs
Fran Eckert
Bill, Andy, Janice, Jennifer,
and Jill Benny
Harold & Colyn Crowder
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Flickinger
Bill & Anna Taylor
The Morys
Audean & Ralph Gahring
Carole Overmyer
Leon & Ruby Johns
Glenn & Lola Miller
Dorothy Schmidt
Mildred Hogg

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

We offer our most grateful thanks to you for all the prayers, love and kindness you have shown to us.

Your response to our great need shows so clearly that First Christian is filled with people who truly practice their beliefs.

Because of your caring, our family is intact and we are looking forward to 1980 and to getting to know all of you better.

Merry Christmas to each of you."

The Morys

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER DECEMBER 30 - JANUARY 5

Anita Petty (31)
Carole Lee Davis (2)
Marvin Roseberry (3)
Scott Johnson (3)
Velma Hechler (4)
Patricia Campbell (4)
Ardith Wrisk (4)
Clair Buskirk (4)
Linda Wiley (4)
Bill Caldwell (5)
Ramona Ketner (5)
Jefferson Young (5)
OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER:
Richard & Clela Anderson

MAXIMUM GIVING NEEDED

Our Budget shortage which has not shrunk during December is bringing us to December 31 with bills overdue. Thus we need all giving to be brought up to date by the year end. We need any special gifts of \$1, \$5, \$50 or \$500 or even \$5,000. Even though we have held needed expenditures far below budget, we still have not had giving for the necessary bills.

Budget Giving 12/23	\$ 3,206.55
GIVING NEEDED - 51 wks	153,790.50
ACTUAL GIVING - 51 wks	141,345.64
CURRENT SHORTAGE	12,444.86
1979 BUDGET GOAL	156,806.00

1979 giving must reach the office by noon on January 4 for our accounting. After the first, be sure to mark any 1979 giving clearly for 1979.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Our 1979 check of \$450 as an annual contribution for the Greater Fort Wayne Campus Ministry at IU-PU Fort Wayne was sent this week. In a recent letter from the Board President, G. Phillip Hoy, he says, "Advent is a time to celebrate beginnings and we of Campus Ministry are celebrating the beginning of a new and we hope, fruitful ministry with our college students here in Fort Wayne. Rev. Joseph Watkins has begun his work on the campus of IU-PU and I felt that he is making a significant contribution to the ministry of our churches in that setting.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIPS

Our Christmas Eve Worship were strongly attended and much appreciation is in order. We thank our musicians--Jerry Zimmerman for playing both hours, Sara Davis for directing and singing both hours, Shirley Callahan, Vee Parlette, Janet Weicker, Judi Hoagland, Barbara Busse, and the Children's Choir, and the Youth Bell Choir and the Chancel Choir.

Special thanks goes to these children who helped lead at 7:00 P.M.: Ron Flickinger, Kevin Mory, Shannon Jones, Kristin Byers, Bob Briggs, Julie Stucky, Eric Zimmerman, Eric Mory, John Flickinger, John Stucky, Julie Briggs, Sara Mullen and Connie Walter.

We also thank the following from our YES Group for leadership at 11:00: Marlene Crouse, Carol Cline, Kathy Lee, Marty Cole, Dan Church, Bill Schilling, Bill Johnson, Chad Cline, Bruce Lehman, Cory Church, Jaynie Jenkins, Schellie Schell, Sue Ann Ludwig, Kevin Tobias, and Robbie Pauley.

On Wednesday, a remember count was taken with 148 listed at 7:00 P.M. and 171 at 11:00 P.M.

THANK YOU

"I want to thank Rev. Cline, Karen Flickinger for the calls made while I was in the hospital. Also all the calls and cards so many sent.

It means so much to know others care."

Hortense Stevenson



